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## GERMANS HELD BACK ON BOTH FRONTS

### BRITAIN NOT LIKELY TO MAKE ALTERATION

Conference on United States  
Cargo Protest Held To-day  
in London

### RESHIPMENT TO GERMANY TO BE GUARDED AGAINST

Command of Sea Gives Right  
to Search Vessels Says  
Westminster Gazette

London, Dec. 30.—The note sent by the United States to Great Britain protesting against the action of British warships in detaining and seizing cargo in American ships is now under consideration as the British foreign office, where no intimation is given as to when a reply to the note may be expected.

During the afternoon Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, held a conference at the foreign office with David Lloyd George, the chancellor of the exchequer, Reginald McKenna, home secretary, Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, and Sir Francis Hopwood, civil lord of the admiralty, on the subject of the American note.

A discussion of the note by British officials shows that they regard it as friendly and they don't believe the differences between the United States and Great Britain are such that they cannot be reconciled satisfactorily.

Much depends upon the effective effort on the part of Denmark, Holland, Norway and Sweden to prevent the re-shipment to Germany and Austria-Hungary of cargoes received from the United States. Until water-tight regulations are put in force in these countries little hope will be held out by the British government for relaxation in the matter of searching American cargoes.

"We have no right to feel aggrieved because of the United States endeavor to mitigate the losses which the war inflicts on the merchants and manufacturers of that country," said the Westminster Gazette. "This newspaper, more than any other, reflects the views of the government. It contends that it is to the interests of neutrals as well as belligerents to shorten the war and that therefore neutrals should submit to any reasonable restrictions which are likely to have this effect."

Why doesn't the United States address its remonstrances to Germany and Austria instead of Great Britain? asks the Westminster Gazette, and answers its own question by explaining that command of the sea permits France and Great Britain alone to exercise the right of searching and detaining neutral ships.

Stating that the right of search is conceded in the American note, the Westminster Gazette admits that this right should be exercised with all possible regard to the convenience of neutrals.

It suggests that it would be well for the British government to supply daily to the American ambassador a list of ships stopped with a statement of reasons therefor, so that questions arising in this connection might be adjusted at once.

Similar information might be given to American newspapers in London. The Westminster Gazette says it feels sure that instructions will be given to avoid detention of ships on mere suspicion and that if such searches as can be conducted at sea fail to reveal good ground for forcible detention such action will not be resorted to.

To prevent Great Britain from checking shipments of copper to Germany this newspaper contends. It absolves Washington from any such intention and points out spirit of fairness the two governments by friendly agreement will be able to ease the situation for each other.

The Globe concludes its comment as follows: "There is only one possible answer to the American demand. No. 1. The United States to continue to recognize that the prime duty of the British navy is to see that nothing goes to Germany which can help her. 'We have little doubt of her willingness and may have as little uncertainty as to the spirit of fairness to neutrals in which the British government desires to interpret international laws and its obligations.' 'As President Wilson himself hints, there are people in America who complicate the situation by taking a less rigid view than their government.'"

### SUNDAY SET ASIDE FOR INTERCESSION

Pastoral Letter Issued by  
Archbishop Casey Deals  
With European War

### MISUSE OF FREE WILL BY MAN CAUSED STRIFE

Archbishop of Canterbury  
Urges Men Who Are Qual-  
ified to Fight for Empire

London, Dec. 30.—The Archbishop of Canterbury, in a New Year's letter to the laity and clergy, seeks to give impetus to recruiting by a fervent appeal to all men qualified to bear arms. "The very life of the empire," says the letter, "may depend upon the response given to the call for men."

I think we can say deliberately that no household or home will be acting worthily if in timidity or self-love it keeps back any of those who can loyally bear a man's part in behalf of the land we love."

Yancouver, Dec. 30.—In an official letter to the clergy of his archdiocese, which will appear in the B. C. Western Catholic on Friday, his Grace Archbishop Casey thus deals with the war: "It is the desire of his Majesty the King, and likewise of our home government at Ottawa, that Sunday, the 3rd day of January next, should be observed as a day of national intercession with regard to the war. Although we have prescribed and observed from the very beginning of this unhappy war prayers and intercessions to be offered at every mass celebrated throughout the archdiocese that God may be pleased to turn away his wrath from the afflicted world and restore to it the blessings of peace, yet we gladly comply with the praiseworthy wishes of our temporal rulers giving special attention to a particular day of national intercession for this most desirable end."

"War indeed is always deplorable, and cannot be entered into without the gravest of reasons; our judgments, however, in this matter, as in others of importance, must be governed by reason and religion. In accordance with these principles war cannot always be condemned as unjust, nor can those who engage in it be considered as always doing wrong. We are human, and states and nations are composed of men. Disagreements, therefore, and controversies will necessarily arise that can in no way be settled except by the issues of the battlefield. Sovereign rights must be maintained, and supreme justice must prevail; but, to bring about this happy issue, the awful ordeal of the battlefield must be encountered, the fearful carnage of war must be borne, the terrible sacrifice of multitudes of men must be offered."

It is the poor individual member of the empire or the nation whose fate seems, in the terrible conflict, to count for nothing, and as a minor unit he must be utterly sacrificed for the saving of the great body. This, too, is in accord with the principles of justice and right; and the soldier, when he obeys the call of his nation in such a cause, is following the supreme law of justice and the sovereign duty of patriotism. He enters the ranks of heroes, he is called to do that greater than which no man can do; and, whether victory or death be his lot, earth as well as Heaven crowns him with approval."

"It is far from the truth to assert that the war is anything like a failure for Christianity. Sooner will the sun refuse its light than will the Christian religion fail in its mission. Both the sun and the church were built by God, the one slowly condescended to shine forth, while against the other, the almighty builder has pledged his word that the gates of hell should not prevail. Its mission, then, can never fail of accomplishment in dealing with men of goodwill; while failure, when there is failure, lies with the human element of religion which refuses to co-operate with the divine action. God left men free will, and he gave no authority to his church to interfere with it. He has decreed that he himself would neither impair nor destroy it. It is the abuse of this sublime privilege of free will to discord and controversy that wars grow from them."

"We cannot look upon the great war as anything else than a terrible scourge, permitted by God on account of the sins of men, the abuse of their free will. The church does not cease to pray for peace at all times, and frequently to implore the divine mercy to avert from us the scourges of pestilence, famine and war. This is surely right; for we cannot get away from the fact that war is an enormous evil, and ever to be deplored."

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### MASSACRES TO TERRORIZE BELGIUM REVEALED IN NEW GERMAN ORDERS

Death Penalty Against Innocent Villagers is Pronounced and Places Even Near Scenes of Defenders' Successful Operations Are Destroyed—Priests Among Those Seized as Hostages by Kaiser's Invading Troops

Paris, Dec. 30.—The sixth report of the commission of inquiry on the violation of the rules of war and the rights of individuals, which is being prepared by Belgium, will contain when published interesting extracts from German military orders and proclamations made to the Belgian people since the occupation of that country by the Kaiser's forces. The Belgian minister of justice at Havre, has given out excerpts from the report. They give an insight into German methods of "peaceful occupation." The change from protestations of friendship for Belgium and her people to threats of ruthless and indiscriminate reprisals for any acts of violence is at first gradual.

The first proclamation of General von Emmich, announcing that the Germans were the "friends of Belgium," has already been published. The second proclamation, issued on August 9 and signed von Buelow, is as follows: "The peaceful population of Belgium is not our enemy. On the contrary, we will treat it with care and benevolence provided that it renders proof by its acts of its good intentions."

"But we will take stringent measures against any attempt on the part of the population to resist the German arms or to harm our military interests."

The Belgian population having resisted the German arms, the following proclamation was put up at Hasselt on August 17, signed by the burgomaster, Mr. Portmans, by order:

Threatens Great Massacre  
"Any acts of hostility will bring upon our city terrible reprisals. \* \* \* If any shots are fired at the German

soldiers one-third of the population will be put to death."

These reprisals, according to the report, commenced the following day, from Wavre to Vis. Indiscriminate massacre of peaceful people was the German scheme, it is alleged. General von Buelow on August 22 issued this proclamation:

"The inhabitants of the town of Audenarde, after having declared their peaceful intentions, have made a traitorous surprise attack on our troops. It is with my consent that the general commanding has burned the place and shot 100 persons."

On August 25, when the Germans were seeking Belgian and French soldiers who had hidden themselves in dwellings in Namur, General von Buelow issued this order:

"No. 1.—Belgian and French soldiers will be delivered up as prisoners of war before 4 o'clock before the prison. Citizens who do not obey will be condemned to imprisonment for life in Germany. The inspection of dwellings will take place at once after 4 o'clock. Every soldier found will be shot."

"No. 2.—Arms, powder and dynamite must be surrendered at 4 o'clock under penalty of death by shooting. Citizens knowing where these articles are to be found and not informing the burgomaster at once will be condemned to imprisonment for life."

Hostages to Be Shot.  
"No. 3.—Each street will be occupied by a German guard, which will make hostages. If any act of violence takes place ten hostages will at once be shot."

"The citizens of Namur must under-

stand that no crime can be greater or more horrible than to compromise the existence of the city and the lives of the inhabitants by an attack of any sort upon the German army."

At Wavre, where a German soldier was wounded in the street by a German bullet, according to the report—3,000,000 francs was demanded on pain of the destruction of the town. Lieut. Gen. von Nieber's proclamation respecting this closes as follows:

"The population of the town is outlawed because German soldiers have been fired upon. The town of Wavre will be burned and destroyed, if the payment is not made, without regard for any one; the innocent will suffer with the guilty."

The unfortunate town, not being able to pay, was destroyed and twenty hostages taken to Germany.

On September 8 Major Diekmann installed himself at the chateau of Brueyres, at Grivegnée. He issued these orders:

"All arms and ammunition still in the possession of the citizens must be surrendered at the chateau of Brueyres before 4 o'clock. Those who do not obey will render themselves liable to the death penalty. They will be shot or otherwise put to death on the spot unless they can prove their innocence."

Priests Are Menaced.  
"I will designate, from lists placed before me, persons who will be held for twenty-four hours as hostages. If any hostage is not relieved by another at the end of that time he will remain for another twenty-four hours. If not relieved at the expiration of the second

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### HAS PLAN TO END WAR IN NINETY DAYS TIME

Cut Off United States War Ex-  
ports and Battles Would  
Stop Says Vollmer

Washington, Dec. 30.—How the United States could end the European war in ninety days by cutting off the export of war supplies and how some day the issue between this country and Japan must be tried out in the Pacific, were described to-day by Representative Vollmer of Iowa, to the house foreign relations committee. With Representative Barthold he endorsed a joint resolution to empower the president to prohibit exports of war supplies.

"There is only one nation whose lines of national interest are hopelessly opposed to ours. I don't hesitate to predict that Japan proposed to hold not only Kian Chau, but the islands of the Pacific which she has seized. Some day this issue must be tried out in the Pacific, and it may be to the interest of this country to have a powerful friend at her side."

Representative Vollmer emphatically declared: "Germany cannot be beaten in this war. Her people are united and determined to fight to the last drop of blood. If this war continues it will go on and on until all the world is dragged down to bankruptcy."

"Do you think the German government expects us seriously to pass such a resolution as this?" asked Chairman Flood.

"I believe, and persons who have been in Germany say," Representative Vollmer replied, "that the Germans look with grave displeasure on shipments of arms to the allies."

Representative Barthold told the committee that by dollar neutrality the United States was alienating the friendship of Germany and Austria. The alliance of Great Britain with Japan is not a good omen for our future in the Pacific. We are now selling our neutrality for British gold, he said.

"It is your contention that while technically neutral we are really one of the allies, supplying the bullets for the others," asked Representative Cooper. "I believe we are parties criminals," said Representative Barthold, "in the maiming and killing of men, the making of widows and orphans and the prolongation of the war."

Representative Barthold declared shipments of war munitions since the war began aggregated \$150,000,000. "I am convinced," he said, in conclusion, "that by cutting off the exportation of the war supplies we can bring the war to a close very soon. And the cutting off of just one month of war would mean more to us than all the profits that the manufacturers of war supplies could make."

### FISHER URGES HOME CONTROL FOR WARSHIPS

Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 29.—Speaking at a civic reception given in his honor at Auckland, Premier Fisher of Australia expressed the conviction that recent experiences had shown that a navy under local control was the best method and probably the only practicable method to adopt. The question of the defense of the Pacific had now become an urgent necessity. Some thought that at the close of the war there would be peace for many years. This was too uncertain a foundation on which to build their security. The national development of Australia and New Zealand would be stimulated if they relied on their own resources by maintaining a naval force which was a direct part of the British navy but under local executive control. Experience showed that local control was best.

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### ENEMY CONTINUES IN FRANCE ON DEFENSIVE

Troops Suffer Great Hardships  
Because of Cold and Mud;  
Fight With Fists

Paris, Dec. 30.—There has been given out in Paris the following official recital of the principal events of the war between Dec. 16 and Dec. 24:

"This period of nine days resulted in consolidating the successes won by us during the ten days preceding. Our aggressive attitude has been continued with ever-increasing energy; everywhere the enemy has been reduced to a defensive attitude. The violence of counter attacks has been evidence that he accepted this attitude reluctantly. The checking of every movement made by him in his endeavor to recapture ground lost to us made our advantage the greater."

It is proper to say that at various points along the front, particularly near Arras, on the western boundary of the Argonne district, and near Verdun, we have made ourselves the masters of important positions of support."

"The operations to the north of the Lys have been attended by great hardships because of the bad weather. The cold, liquid mud in which the men have had to move has got into the breaches of their rifles. This made it impossible to shoot. The fighting consequently has been with the butt end of muskets and even with fists."

"According to an expression used by one of their leaders, our soldiers are literally blots of mud. There has been organized for them a system by which they now can bathe and change clothes upon leaving the trenches."

### CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND NOW \$2,226,682

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The Ottawa branch of the Canadian Patriotic fund to-day made its second contribution, remitting \$75,996 in addition to the \$100,000 previously sent. Other new receipts acknowledged by the central patriotic fund to-day are: Empress, Alta, \$102; Humboldt, Sask., \$227; burghers of Fort Saskatchewan, \$1,000; citizens of Hope, B. C., \$124. The total now is \$2,226,682.

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### ENEMY IS FORCED OVER BZURA RIVER BY RUSSIAN ARMY

Thousands of Men Sacrificed to Gain East Bank With Troops Not Strong Enough to Hold Position Against the Russian Terrific Onslaught.

Slight Gains Made Near Nieuport, in Argonne District—Violent Artillery Fire Is Effectively Answered.

London, Dec. 30.—The soldiers of Emperor Nicholas still hold the main German armies in check and continue to press their advantage, according to dispatches reaching London. At the same time they are harassing the Austrians, who have been flung back over the Carpathians.

The Bzura river to the west of Warsaw has now become the Yser of the east. On its banks the Germans have been sacrificing thousands of men as they did in Belgium on the Yser. The crossing which they forced at great cost has now been nullified, the Russians having driven the invaders back to the west bank of the river.

Gains Near Nieuport and Elsewhere.

Paris, Dec. 30.—France claims slight gains near Nieuport in the official announcement given out by the war department this afternoon. The communication also names other points along the line where German attacks, which have been driven back. There has been heavy bombardment at St. Georges, in the Aisne region and on the heights of the Meuse. The text of the communication follows:

"In Belgium we have won a little territory in the region of Nieuport, opposite Polders and to the north of Lombaertye. The enemy subjected St. Georges to a violent bombardment. This is the position we are putting in a state of defence."

"We have captured a German point of support located to the southeast of Sonnebeke on the road between Becelaere and Paschen-daele."

Artillery Duels in Aisne and Champagne Regions.

"From the Lys to the Oise there is nothing to report."

"In the valley of the Aisne and in Champagne the enemy has manifested another burst of activity which has taken the form particularly of a violent artillery fire, to which our heavy artillery replied effectively."

"In the Argonne we have made slight progress in the region of Four de Paris."

"Between the Argonne and the Moselle there has been cannonading along the entire front, but particularly severe along the heights of the Meuse."

"In the Vosges the enemy delivered an attack against our positions at La Tete de Faux. This was repulsed."

"In Upper Alsace we were consolidating our positions. Our heavy artillery reduced to silence the German howitzers which are bombarding Upper Aspasche."

### RUSSIA DENIES PEACE STATEMENT OF GERMANY

Washington, Dec. 30.—A statement having been sent widespread throughout the United States that Russia proposes negotiations for peace with Germany independent of her allies, France and Great Britain, and it having been suggested that Ambassador Bakhmeteff had knowledge of such an arrangement, the Russian ambassador to the United States has not only issued a statement denying such a possibility, but has cabled to the foreign office at Petrograd and received the following message from the Russian minister of foreign affairs: "Certainly, please deny absolutely the absurd statement."

### REVENUE TAXATION IS MATTER FOR PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Sir Robert Borden returns to Ottawa on Friday, and Hon. Robert Rogers will likely come back with him. Commencing next week a regular series of cabinet councils will be held to make detailed preparations for the work of the parliamentary session to open early in February. While it is not expected that the sitting will be long and that it may conclude by Easter, the subjects to be dealt with are of importance.

The most outstanding of them is the question of the tariff and the changes which are necessary to produce more revenue. There will be need of extensive appropriations for the expeditionary forces and for the prosecution of the big public works, such as the Hudson Bay railway, Welland canal and harbor works at Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Port Arthur and the Pacific coast. The policy of the government is to keep all these going. Where the curtailment will be made is in the smaller public works, the numerous wharves, bridges, public buildings, etc.

Provision is to be made for the pension of widows, orphans and dependents of soldiers and for those permanently disabled.

### STEAMSHIP TRENT SUNK AT DOCK WITH CARGO

New York, Dec. 29.—A cablegram announcing the sinking near London of the Royal Mail steamship Trent, was posted at the Maritime Exchange here to-day. It was said that the Trent went down at her dock with her inward cargo aboard. The Trent reached London from New York December 23, and it is believed here she docked at Tilbury, about 15 miles from London.

Premier at Port Arthur.  
Port Arthur, Dec. 30.—Premier Sir Robert and Lady Borden arrived at Port Arthur to-day at noon. They were met by a large number of citizens and a guard of honor from the 96th Regiment.

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FRANCE WILL GO AFTER  
TRADE GERMANY LOSES

Paris, Dec. 29.—France is going to make an effort to obtain her share of the world's trade which was formerly in the hands of Germany. Gaston Thomson, minister of commerce, presided to-day at a large meeting of merchants and manufacturers who are

members of the Paris chamber of Commerce. He told the business men this was the time for them to reach out for trade in all countries where Germany previously had been a large purveyor. Before the meeting adjourned a committee representing the principal industrial and financial institutions of France had been chosen to organize this work of expansion.

INDIA GOVERNMENT TO  
RESTRICT WHEAT EXPORT

Delhi, India, Dec. 30.—In view of the abnormal prices of wheat the Indian government decided to restrict exports to 100,000 tons of wheat, including flour, from December 1 to March 31, 1915. The exports will be confined to British possessions in which a strong demand for the cereal exists.

## LATE NIGHT WAR NEWS

OCEAN FREIGHT RATES  
CALLED EXORBITANT

Even War Need Does Not Justify Increases in Opinion of United States Men

Washington, Dec. 29.—Increases in ocean freight rates since the beginning of the European war are characterized as having been in many cases unreasonable and exorbitant, notwithstanding the extraordinary conditions, by Secretary Redfield and Secretary McAdoo in a preliminary report on shipping conditions submitted to-day to the senate.

The report declares that in shipping circles it is estimated that fifty per cent of the ships have been utilized through the tying up of the German and Austrian marine and the commandeering of such a large part of the British marine by the admiralty. On account of the large purchases of war supplies and the great profits of war supplies there has been a corresponding increase in the demand for ships for cargo purposes. The inevitable result has been a steady increase in steamship rates. The increased rates the report says, have in many cases been speculative and the larger increases have been to European and Mediterranean ports. The general level of rates to South America, South Africa and the Far East has remained fairly consistent, with the exception of a surtax of 25 per cent to South America and twenty per cent to South Africa.

A more complete report will be made later.

BRITAIN CAREFUL IN  
REGARD TO COMMERCE

Does Not Work More Hardship Than Necessary Upon Shipping of Neutral Countries

London, Dec. 29.—T. J. Hanson, secretary of the navy league, in an interview to-day, said: "It ought to be understood that in dealing with neutral commerce the British navy has taken the greatest possible care to add just its strategy with reference to international trade so as to inflict the least possible inconvenience on neutral countries, and more especially upon the trade of the United States. The importance of dealing effectively with contraband of war is a paramount consideration for any nation at war, but more especially for an insular nation like Great Britain."

L. G. H. Horton-Smith, joint founder of the imperial maritime league, pointed out to a press representative that the American protest was inevitable and was given as it would be received, in an entirely friendly spirit, adding: "The most important consideration is thus: 'If we will the present war the United States wins too; if we go down the United States will go down too. I have myself seen German plans for the subjugation of the United States.'"

Mr. Horton-Smith went on to say that if American citizens suffered a little for the great and lasting security of their own nation, that little constituted a patriotic American act.

The American note protesting against the British treatment of American commerce and insisting upon an early improvement, came as a complete surprise to the British public, there had been actually no intimation that any friction had arisen between the two governments.

The placards posted by the evening papers were given over exclusively to the American note, and the papers gave it the largest headlines they have given any news during the past month. Consequently the British people regard this as one of the most important occurrences of the whole war. Nothing of the kind since President Cleveland's Venezuelan message has produced such a sensation. Even the war news was allotted a secondary place to the note in the news columns of the papers.

HELIGOLAND IS STRONG  
BASE, VISITOR DECLARES

Called Second Gibraltar. Protected by Many Big Guns and Mines and Destroyers.

New York, Dec. 29.—The German naval base at Heligoland has been made virtually impregnable by hundreds of heavy guns, many rows of contact mines and an armada of torpedo boats and destroyers, according to Richard Wackerow, former United States vice-consul at Breslau, Germany, who reached here to-day on the steamer *Die Stadt* from Genoa.

Mr. Wackerow said he visited Heligoland shortly before sailing. "Heligoland is a second Gibraltar," he said. "The great cliffs have in their side concrete emplacements for hundreds of great guns and the German fleet just below. The passage is defended by rows of contact mines, sunk at various depths. A fleet of torpedo boats is inside of this and then torpedo boat destroyers are placed along the German fleet. Of the many guns mounted on the island, some are of the 42-centimetre disappearing type, which were brought out for the first time early in September."

"Antwerp has been greatly strengthened recently by the Germans with new earthworks and concrete fortifications."

AUSTRIANS ADMIT THEY  
WERE FORCED TO RETREAT

Vienna, Dec. 30.—(by wireless).—An official communication given out by the staff headquarters admits a retreat by Austrians in Galicia. The statement follows: "The old Russian army, which about a week ago commenced an offensive against those of our forces which had crossed the Carpathians, has been reinforced with supplementary troops and fresh divisions in such a manner that it is necessary for us to withdraw our troops along the entire eastern front and in the plain of Gorlice (just north of the Carpathians and to the east of Nowy Sadek). The situation in the north has not been influenced thereby."

"In the Balkan theatre the Montenegrins showed great but unsuccessful activity. A weak attack at Trebinje, in Herzegovina, near the border, was repulsed easily. The Montenegrins artillery had no effect on the strong fortress of Krievosaj."

CANNOT BUY BEER IN  
PETROGRAD RESTAURANTS

London, Dec. 29.—A Reuther despatch from Petrograd says an order has been issued there prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic drinks in the city, including beer. This order applies even to the clubs and high-grade restaurants.

Early in the war an imperial decree was issued prohibiting the sale of vodka and other spirituous liquors throughout Russia. The traffic in lighter alcoholic drinks, such as beer and light wines, however, has been permitted hitherto.

SOLDIERS FIND COLD  
IN TRENCHES SEVERE

Washing and Shaving Practically Impossible; Water in Machine Guns Freezes

London, Dec. 29.—Miseries of life in the trenches are vividly pictured in a story written by a British soldier who is on the Belgian frontier. He enlisted as a private but later, was raised to an officer. Thus he has had an opportunity to see the war from different angles. His story follows:

It is not the danger that affects one in the trenches, but the hardships of cold and damp. Bullets from snipers whizz about continually, and occasionally shrapnel makes us duck, but we get so used to the firing that it soon becomes far less noticeable than city traffic, for instance.

At night sometimes an outburst of artillery or a wild rattle of the musketry at an imaginary night attack wakens one stiff, sore, frozen and full of strong language from fitful dreams, which mainly concern themselves with steak puddings and huge fires at home.

The cold is really horrible, and such things as Balacava's helmet, thick gloves, comforters, cardigans and woolly waistcoats cannot be too numerous. I can scarcely button my coat over my numerous raiment and still I perish.

Washing and shaving are practically impossible. Officers and men leave the trenches like miners, covered in dirt, but somehow that does not worry us. The idea of washing in such cold is too awful, for it is impossible to restore the circulation by exercise in a narrow crowded trench and in the dugouts there is just room to lie down. They are now beginning to serve out coal and coke just in time. There would have been wholesale frostbites otherwise.

The water in the machine guns freezes and they have to be nursed back to action in front of fires. Rifles get frost-bitten and sometimes are ruptured by the sudden shock consequent of being fired. This is rather welcome, however, for the wood from a doctored rifle burns beautifully.

The water bottles have to be thawed out. Water is a nuisance. It has to be fetched by night by fatigue parties from farms and villages in the rear, a process which takes sometimes two or three hours.

It is extraordinary how ingenious the men are in contriving things for their comfort. They make little fire-places in the side of the trench, line them with tin from ammunition boxes, and top them neatly with chimneys made of bully-beef tins. They build elaborate rifle racks and make themselves snug cubbyholes to sleep in, roofing them with material from nearby ruined farm houses, piled over with earth.

The food is plentiful and good. The crying need is for milk and fruit. Plenty of tobacco and cigarettes are to be had. There is a dearth of things to read, and it is considered rank treason to light a fire with a piece of newspaper.

The trenches stretch in a practically unbroken line from the sea to the east frontier, not in groups or isolated pits, but in what are really series of small towns linked together by narrow communicating trenches, each battalion occupying its own "little town," which may be anything from half a mile to two miles long, and a hundred yards or so deep.

Even behind the firing trenches there is a wild labyrinth of intersecting communicating trenches, support trenches, dug-outs for staff and officers, kitchen and so forth, though of course some are more elaborate than others. It takes about an hour and a half to go from one end of our present battalion position to the other. Last week the trouble was mud four or five inches deep. My boots weighed tons. This week the frost has laid the mud and the cold is our enemy.

We spend a few days in the trenches and then a few days in reserve in the villages in the rear. The relieving, of course, has to be done at night. It is a eerie job. We march along as noiselessly as possible to within half a mile of the rear, and are met by a guide and taken in single file through an interminable winding communication trench, full of roots and mud, never more than three feet wide at the top and about eighteen inches at the bottom. Then a sort of Piccadilly Circus in the rear of the fighting line, the companies branch to their various posts and are shepherded in until each man of the relieving force stands behind another of that to be relieved.

The men exchange pleasantries in hoarse whispers and the officers exchange news and explain the special points of the position. Finally, when the last man has been placed, the order to change places is passed down. The new men step up onto the little firing platforms and the relieving men step down into the trench and file out silently into the night. Then all through the night half the men and officers are on guard, while half rest. By day there are only sentries here and there along the line.

A pathetic sight in the rear of all the trenches is the occasional plain wooden crosses marking the grave of some victim of sniper or shrapnel bullet. Many are ornamented with a regimental badge and a simple inscription laboriously printed in pencil; others are quite plain.

I bagged my first German yesterday, and a curiously primitive feeling of elation it is to shoot one. He had the hardihood to stand up working in a trench only 250 yards away, so that I could see him from the waist up. I spent this morning banging away at another working party, but could not see with what result.

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## PRESIDENT MEETS DELEGATES.

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Wilson to-day received fifty members of the International Sunday school committee of the United States and Canada, headed by Rev. Douglas McKenzie of Boston, who later took luncheon with the president.

## H. G. FISKE BANKRUPT.

New York, Dec. 30.—A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the U. S. district court here to-day by Harrison Grey Fiske, the theatrical manager and producer. Liabilities were given as \$94,000 and assets as \$78,000.

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## AIRMEN WHO RAIDED CUXHAVEN SUCCESSFUL

Considerable Damage Done by British to Zeppelin Sheds and Their Contents

London, Dec. 29.—The London Times says:

"It is now possible to supplement the official account of the British raid on Cuxhaven with some particulars of the conditions under which the historic combat was fought. Christmas morning broke beautifully fine and clear. In the light of Heligoland there was practically no wind, and the surface of the sea was hardly ruffled. Our daring airmen soon ran into a fog. It was dense off the mouth of the Elbe, but lay only in shallow patches over the harbor and the town of Cuxhaven.

"Flying very high while out at sea, the aeroplanes came as low as was consistent with safety for dropping their bombs. In spite of the German denials there is excellent reason to believe that considerable damage was done by them, and that a Parseval shed and airship were destroyed, and a number of Zeppelin sheds and their contents badly knocked about.

"While our men were busy the Germans discovered the presence of the escorting cruisers and destroyers, and two Zeppelins with some aeroplanes and submarines, set off to attack them. The Zeppelins were the first to go to work, but did not make good practice.

"For some moments they dropped bombs incessantly without striking any of our ships. High angle fire from our cruisers soon drove them off, and one was undoubtedly hit, and hit badly. Both the Arethusa and the Undaunted managed to get in successful shots.

"A far greater danger to our squadron was the enemy's submarines. They made constant attempts to reach our cruisers, but were baffled by the most expert manœuvres shown in the handling of our destroyers, which manœuvred at high speed around the larger vessels and successfully repelled every attempt to torpedo them. Meanwhile our airmen were returning to their ships, and were soon engaged in conflict with the enemy air craft, which had been groping for them in the fog off the coast.

"Full particulars of the fight are not available, but the fact that six out of the seven of our pilots have been safely accounted for, speaks for itself.

"The Germans account talks of damage done to the British ships in their amazing conflict. It is undeniable, however, that every cruiser, destroyer and submarine has returned to its base without loss of life or material damage."

## PROMINENT RAILWAY ENGINEER IS DEAD

Funeral of George Herbert Webster Held at Vancouver This Morning.

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—The funeral of the late George Herbert Webster, C.E., who died in the Vancouver general hospital on Sunday evening, was held this morning from St. Paul's church, Rev. Harold King officiating. Interment being made in Mountain View cemetery.

The late Mr. Webster, who was one of the best known railway engineers in western Canada, had long been connected with the engineering force of the C. P. R., and was borne to his last resting place by his old associates, H. J. Canby, T. White, C. E. Cartwright, H. E. C. Carry, M. P. Cotton and H. A. Bayfield.

Born at Creemore, Ont., in 1858, he received his early training at that place, being articled in 1873 to the engineering department of the Northern Railway company. Five years later he was appointed assistant engineer in the service of the Northern and Hamilton and Northwestern railways, where he remained until 1882, when he moved to Winnipeg to engage in private business with C. W. Moberly.

The following year he was appointed engineer of the Manitoba & North-western railway. He remained with this company, rising to the position of chief engineer and land commissioner. When in 1898 the Manitoba & North-western railway was taken over by the C. P. R. he was appointed resident engineer of the C. P. R. at Winnipeg.

After several years as resident engineer, Mr. Webster was transferred to Montreal as general terminal engineer, and later was placed in charge of the lease and right-of-way department. His health failed him, and in February of 1904, Mr. Webster was transferred to this city as divisional engineer. The next year he resigned from the service of the railway company to engage in the private practice of his profession, in which he was engaged until his death.

Mr. Webster was widely known among the members of his profession as well as to a large circle of acquaintances throughout Canada. He was elected member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers in 1887, and was a charter member of the American Railway Engineering & Maintenance-of-Way association.

## VITRIOLIC HARDEN IS NOW IDOL OF GERMANY

Atones for Criticism of Administration Says Germans Will Outdo Napoleon

Berlin, via London, Dec. 26.—Maximilian Harden is the hero of the hour.

One need not hark back to the time of the sensational revelations in Die Zukunft which led to a shakeup in the Kaiser's most intimate and intimate entourage to say that there was a day when to call Harden a hero would have been in the eyes of all "respectable" Germans an unpardonable crime. Only six months ago this man, the Nemesis of statesmen, was frankly condemned by the great majority of well-meaning and patriotic Germans, especially by the National Liberals and by army and navy men—in whose clubs Die Zukunft was prohibited by an unwritten law.

Harden of the vitriolic pen, the man who by iron energy and tenacious industry climbed the ladder from a penitentiary reporter to one of the most influential, certainly the most feared, journalists in the fatherland, has vanquished his enemies, brought them over to his side.

All that he ever said or wrote expressing his contempt for certain phases of German administration is forgotten. He has made two speeches, which are held to atone for the past and Germany hails him as one of her most patriotic sons. The first of Harden's speeches was made in Berlin. It broke the ice. To hear him thousands had come—even though they should have unpleasant things to say to him.

This speech was the surprise of the decade for the stern and stolid German burghers. Seldom has a speaker received an ovation such as greeted him as he concluded with the recitation of a poem.

Yielding to public clamor Harden repeated his speech in substance in Hamburg. Here is a translation in part: "What have we Germans done that we should now stand in the midst of a world storm of hatred—what have we done to alienate such a world of hatred against us?"

"Look back upon the forty-four years that Germany has lived. It cannot be said that in this period we have essentially enlarged our possessions; nor can it be said that we have been particularly bad sinners."

"The crime was that this German empire worked while others celebrated; that we grew stronger, that we achieved things that others had been unable to achieve. This is said without conceit, also without hatred against others. I do not appear of us boast ourselves in hatred against any one. The luxury of such a feeling a hard-pressed nation cannot afford."

"Overboard with hatred, as with all luxury, when the deck is cleared for action! What has hatred harvested the others? It has blinded them, has hurt them, and therefore let us keep away from it. Every individual German may be shaken with scorn, but he will do well not to let it guide him in his actions."

"We must see to it that only a real end comes, an end such as we may demand without arrogance, but with firm determination. Our duty now is to look out that faith and confidence survive the winter. Not a theological confidence of a mythical nature."

"Throughout Germany the keynote must be: They will not conquer us, they will not, as is their daily boast, overwhelm us. That they boast and believe wars can be won on paper is but another proof that this is the hour."

"The great Napoleon betrayed the fact that his hour had come when he grew furious in the course of a conversation with Metternich. The great Napoleon's star was setting. Words he said to those he uttered were in the service of the consolation man, well be the fact that so far none of these loquacious gentlemen has proved a Napoleon."

"Against this man who in his empire remained forever a stranger, we, a nation of nearly seventy million souls, grown up on our own soil. What could not be done by Napoleon may well be done—in a thoroughly changed era—by us, and perhaps we may soon see the day when there will again resound the famous word from Shakespeare's Henry V. 'On to Calais!'"

"Great Britain really has been threatened only twice by danger aimed at her heart. In both cases German men have freed Britain from danger, and in both cases the danger had come from France. The first time, when the French Bourbons menaced England, Fritz of Prussia turned away this danger, and the second time, under Bonaparte, well, that incident is closed; the battle of Waterloo was won by Blucher."

"I am not saying this to draw up an account and ask: 'Where is gratitude?' With the ballast of sentiments Britain has never bothered, and gratitude among nations is an unknown quantity. Nations are bound to a certain hypocrisy, to a false play with hostile powers, or powers that might become hostile."

"Without a certain hypocrisy the affairs of great nations cannot be run. But there is a limit. When hypocrisy is not consistent with the interests of the country, it becomes a crime. One could understand that with the rapid growth of Germany a certain discontent could result in England. But the war against such competition could be carried on by moderately decent means."

"Take business: One does not surround and isolate the competitor, cut his telephone, and brand him before the world as a criminal. But that is what they do to us. They cut our cable and then they said:

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"But we do not bark, we fight. And if we did not fight hard no talk, no documents would help us. When the final account is drawn up nobody asks who started the war, but who won the war. I hope it will be in 1870. Yet we must ask: What caused it all? Certainly we have made mistakes, but of these we cannot speak to-day; so long as in a house one single room is still occupied by hostile folk, one does not talk about domestic strife. First one chases them out and then one may perhaps talk a few well meaning but plain words with the attendants of the house, the porter, etc.

"England has done much good, but nothing unusual.

"Is it our fault that foreigners come to attend German universities and German technical institutions instead of British? Are we to be condemned or are the others perhaps behind?"

"Where is the great accomplishment of British genius in this century that would give the right to rule the world as Rome once did? Rome has brought, and it was Germany that brought out its fall."

"True, we have reason to be ashamed when we think of the 'high life,' the perversity of the enjoyments of last winter, of the tangle of the futurists, silk-skirts and other damnable eccentricities that answer to the name of 'modern.'"

"But the same youths who were then blinded by these things have since put on the soldier's garb and for months they are living in trenches dug by them, and they have become a wall of iron that no spear can pierce. Our foes thought they could scare us; they banded together, furious that we should withstand."

"The British thought what they themselves could not do no one else could tackle. Above all they cried out against standing armies. That which is called militarism is that which the others would like to have."

"The desire grew to tame the growing monster a bit, and they thought they could for the fifth time since 1905 bring the German empire into a situation the only way out of which was a little back door. Then came the rebellion of German thought and of German will."

"That is an event of which neither God nor devil can deprive those who see it. Now 700,000,000 men, of all colors are arrayed against our 100,000,000, and yet these 700,000,000 have not succeeded in a single great blow."

"Now it is certain that grave reverses must come, but those who err who think the German people cannot stand such reverses, they must be concealed. It is absolutely certain that we will not despair if the others succeed in something once in a while."

"How badly off is France, where the entire north is occupied by two giant armies, a devastated land where the reaper will not harvest for a long, long time; this 'ville lumière' Paris—without light, without Kultur, without movies!"

"Or take London: There only every sixth lantern may burn and that must be covered on top; the public buildings are covered with steel nets—from this we are still distant. We have no

reason whatever to believe that the others can endure longer than ourselves. And if we should experience the shattering of a too daring hope, we will not have to despair; naught can happen to you, Germany."

"To our soldiers who are doing such wonderful, such unheard of and undreamed of things, and to those on the water who are burning, to give their lives, to them we owe this confidence."

"Our fleet is Britain's worry, and this worry must not die until Britain dies."

"We owe it to these heroes and we owe it to the mothers of these heroes to keep our confidence. We are suffering terrible losses in this war. Numberless is the throng of the mourners. Every word of consolation would be crime. No more beautiful death there is than death for the fatherland."

## FRUIT IS WANTED FOR MEN ON BRITISH FLEET

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## THE WAR.

To-day's dispatches present the phenomenon of accord between the official bulletins of Petrograd and Vienna. The army of General von Tschermak, which emerged from the Sapce, Dukla and Sanok passes with the intention of effecting a junction with the forces of General Dankl advancing through western Galicia from the north of Cracow, thereby cutting off the Russians south of the Galician stronghold, has been badly beaten and is now in full retreat through the Carpathians. This swift denouement has been brought about by one of the most dexterous manoeuvres of the war. Quick to realize their danger, the Russian corps near Cracow were withdrawn to the Biala river, some thirty miles east of that city, and then, intervening between the two armies of the enemy, defeated each in detail, capturing fifty thousand prisoners and a large quantity of supplies. Thus the Austrian army which represented the right wing of the Austro-German front in the present campaign against Russia, has been cut into three sections. One is retreating into Hungary, the other is being driven back up the Cracow-Czestochowa line, and the third is being forced from the Nida river in southern Poland.

This serious reverse, following so speedily upon the blow dealt by the Serbians, will deepen the gloom which has enshrouded the dual monarchy since the early stages of the war. It will accelerate the peace movement in Hungary and is certain to be followed by a chain of events which will cause the dissolution of Francis Joseph's empire. There is no doubt that Roumania is making every preparation to march an army into Transylvania. The concession to Bulgaria a few days ago is sufficient evidence of the intention of the formidable Balkan State. Italy is tightening her grip on Avona and the prospect of the early fall of the dual monarchy would cause her to move upon Trent and Trieste without any further preliminaries. Italy knows that if Austria-Hungary falls Germany will absorb the Germanic portion of that empire and endeavor to hold the territory on the Adriatic now owing allegiance to Francis Joseph. In fact Rome announces that a German army corps has been dispatched to the Italian frontier. It soon will be now or never with Italy, for Germany would be her to the disposition of Italy's president, then Austria would be.

The defeat of the Austrians, however, will have an important bearing upon the campaign in Poland. There the Germans have been brought up with a sharp turn. They have been thrown back from the right bank of the Bzura river, where they gained a foothold two weeks ago, and their attacks on the Rawka have been repulsed. Farther south the Austrian force which, owing to the disaster in Galicia must now be considered the Teutonic right wing in Poland, has been driven from the Nida river, a tributary of the Vistula, sixty miles northeast of Cracow, the Russians having crossed that stream and captured two strong positions. The Russian offensive can now be pushed in this region and in western Galicia without fear of interruption. Its success, which may be anticipated, will force the early retreat of the Germans on the west of Warsaw in order to protect Silesia from a Russian invasion. On their last visit to the Vistula the Germans were outflanked from the north and the entire front extending through Poland and south-eastward through Galicia had to give way. This time the outflanking process is being carried on in the south,

and its effect will progress through Poland, northward and through East Prussia to the Baltic.

In the west the allies continue to hold St. Georges, southeast of Neuport, and their position near Lommebaertzyde, almost on the Belgian coast. They have retaken all but one of the trenches at Hallebeke, southeast of Ypres, captured from the Anglo-Indian troops a few days ago. Five miles east of Ypres they have occupied a position on the Beelaere-Passchendaele road, which is a decided advance in the movement towards Roulers. It is quite possible that allied patrols have reached the outskirts of Roulers, and one report states that the Germans are evacuating that place. The Germans are said to be bringing up reinforcements in Belgium. This is undoubtedly correct, for at all costs at least one half of Belgium, including Antwerp and Brussels, must be held by them if they are not to admit hopeless, irreparable defeat. But the time is approaching when Germany must face a choice between Silesia, her richest province, and the temporary occupation of Belgium. Her offensive powers in the east are almost at an end. She cannot abandon Silesia, for that would mean the loss of Saxony and the invasion of Berlin from the south, the real Russian plan as it was the plan of Napoleon. If she tries to hold both the war will be over much sooner than is anticipated, while if she adds Trente and Trieste to her burdens her labors will be even greater.

## THE CANADIAN NORTHERN.

An Ottawa dispatch says that the Canadian Northern Railway company, feeling to raise more than \$15,000,000 of the \$45,000,000 bond guarantee given by the Canadian parliament last year, is asking the federal government to advance the remainder against the guaranteed securities, until the return of normal financial conditions. In other words, the company wants a loan of \$30,000,000 secured by the bonds guaranteed by the government. Otherwise the company will be unable to complete its undertaking. It is not unlikely that the company will apply to the British Columbia government for a similar accommodation on the security of the bonds guaranteed at the last session of the legislature.

The Canadian Northern railway system could not have been completed if the company had raised the \$45,000,000 on the bonds guaranteed by the Canadian parliament last year. A considerable proportion of this sum is required to meet pressing liabilities, such as contractors, and equipment accounts and the demands of the banks. At least \$100,000,000 will be needed to make the road a factor in the trans-continental situation. Even had the company been able to dispose of the bonds recently guaranteed by the federal and provincial authorities, there would have been applications for more aid.

An advance of \$30,000,000 at this time is a very large order. The government already has borrowed \$50,000,000 for war purposes and in a few weeks will obtain the authority of parliament to raise \$100,000,000 more. Even these borrowings will be increased if the struggle is prolonged. The proposal is one that will require grave consideration. But in any event before further assistance is given to the company the promoters should be compelled to put up personal security in the shape of the enormous holdings they have in this hemisphere.

## SAYS HE OPPOSED IT.

In his interview with the depositors in the Dominion Trust the Attorney-General is reported as saying that he advised the finance committee of the legislature that the bill introduced in 1913 empowering the company to take deposits and do certain other things inconsistent with the powers conferred upon it by Dominion statute was unconstitutional and should not be passed. He did not oppose it on the floor of the House, however, because he had done so it would have caused a split in the party and the government would have been defeated. They were all in favor of it, he is reported to have said.

If this report is correct, it discloses an extraordinary state of affairs. In order to save the government from difficulties the head of the law department, after privately advising his colleagues that the measure was unconstitutional, sat meekly in his place and permitted it to go through when a word from him would have killed it and incidentally drawn the attention of investigators to the nature of the company's operations. On the other hand, the influence which the meteoric Mr. Arnold exercised must have been overpowering indeed when it was able to induce the government to scorn the advice of its authorized legal adviser and support a bill he declared to be bad. What was the nature of that influence? Who were the ministers or members so desperately bent upon passing legislation under cover of which the Dominion Trust victimized unsuspecting depositors, shareholders and investors? We see also the Attorney-General in a new light. He is not usually so lamb-like. Certainly he did not press his opposition very

far. He must have couched his remonstrance in a whisper, for had he announced his intention of attacking the bill on the floor of the legislature it never would have come to a vote.

## PUBLICITY WORK.

Last year the council appropriated \$10,000 for the work of an industrial and publicity commissioner. Of this amount \$5,000 were devoted to the continuation of the advertising campaign which has been carried on for years by the Vancouver Island Development League and \$4,000 to the propaganda for the establishment of industries here.

There is a considerable sentiment throughout the city in favor of the discontinuance of the work and the saving of the \$10,000. We do not agree altogether with this view, but believe nevertheless that the appropriation for the industrial end of the work, or part of it, might be dispensed with for the year at least. The time is not opportune for successful efforts in this direction for reasons that must be obvious to everyone.

But it would be a mistake to eliminate the publicity work. This campaign is more necessary now than ever it has been. The Panama Pacific exposition will draw hundreds of thousands of people to California. Every possible step should be taken to attract a large proportion of that travel to this city. The war has made tourist movement to Europe impossible. In that respect it has compensating advantages for the Pacific coast. We would be foolish if we did not reach out and grasp our share of them.

Speaking of von Tirpitz's grand scheme to reduce Britain, the arch-enemy, to terms by starving her out, the Boston Transcript says: "The hint Admiral von Tirpitz throws out, of a submarine blockade of the British Isles for the destruction of hostile merchant vessels, is certainly striking, but its practicability is open to prompt doubts. In the first place it could not be effective until all the British submarines had been got out of the way, and Great Britain has eighty-five of these craft. Then suppose a German submarine should blow up a merchant steamer, are the passengers and crew of the latter to be left to drown? There is no way for stowing them on a submarine, and a tender would betray the submarine's presence."

What is a little thing like the murder of the crews of fleets of merchant vessels that it should be permitted to stand in the way of Germany "kulturing" the whole world? It would be in harmony with the manner in which von Tirpitz's brothers on land have conducted the campaign. "By bloody war to glorious victory" is the motto of the only civilized nation.

An irate Teuton residing in Memphis, Tennessee, has challenged the bishop of the Episcopal church there to fight a duel. His Grace, it appears, had just returned from the scene of the great conflict in Belgium and the north of France, and spoke his mind freely about it when he returned home. Hence the defiance to come forth and engage in mortal combat, "and may God defend the right." There is little likelihood that the offending churchman will accept the rage of battle and doff his peaceful garb, so that the militant Teuton will be forced to fume and fret in inaction with no opportunity to seal his burning patriotism with his life's blood, unless he can smuggle himself out of the United States and find his way to the front despite the British cordon which condemns all sons of the Fatherland in the republic to testify to their deep desires by reading the fiction of Herman Ridder. Herr Guebner, the would-be duellist, probably is jealous of von Bernstorff and Ridder, the other clowns in the great tragic drama.

The magnates of the Canadian Northern complain that they cannot get money to complete their "undertakings," even with provincial and Dominion government guarantees. In the meantime the Wall Street Journal, which presumably knows what it is talking about, says there is plenty of money in the United States which Canadian bona fide concerns may have for the asking. The Canadian Northern people have been down there as well as in every other money market in the world. What is the matter with them and their "undertakings"? Must be in the class of those of Sir Richard McBride, given just before the last provincial election.

Harry K. Thaw—readers of newspapers have not heard much about him lately—is in the limelight again. The courts have ordered his deportation, from New Hampshire, we think, to the state of New York, where the lawyers probably will have another interesting contest to keep him out of the asylum to which he was committed for the crime of murder for the term of his natural life. But even the order of the courts of New Hampshire has not yet been complied with. There will be a legal fight over that.

The amiable leaders of the German army and public opinion say they never will retire from Belgium, which has been raised to the dignified status of "a glorious province of the Father-

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land." That is true of a goodly number of German soldiers, whatever the result of the war. They will permanently enrich the soil of the battle-scarred country and add to the fruitfulness thereof in what, we trust, will prove more peaceful and prosperous times after the "world dominators" have been taught a salutary lesson.

There are differences of opinion regarding the efficiency of the management of the Jubilee Hospital, but there are none respecting the nature of the work the institution is doing. Hence we cannot publish criticisms which might affect the future of the hospital.

## THE SEAGULL.

Hold bird of the brine-brimming breezes  
or ocean,  
Now swinging mast-high by the strenuous sail.  
Now starting from billows of frothy commotion.  
Their curling crests skimming as swift as the wind.  
As white is thy breast as the feathers foam fringing.  
The long sliding breakers that burst on the strand.  
But on thy broad pinions the seaweed's brown tinging  
Is blent with the grey of the surf-tretted sand.  
As bright is thine eye as the sun's mirror'd ray is  
From soft-tinted sea-shells o'er-brimming with brine;  
As graceful in circle and curve thy wing'd way is  
As these slender coils that bewitchingly twine.  
Swung low like the storm-rack thou rovest a ranger  
Of perilous surges strife-swollen and chill;  
The scolding shore scolding and sullen—  
Mid-singing her buffeting breath at thy will.

Till grim thou art grown like the rocks black and bristling.  
Thy callow young cradled 'twixt ocean and sky;  
Ere shrill sharped they cry o'er the wave as they rise  
That pipes in the rigging when tempests beat high.  
Ere faded maternity's bloom misting o'er with age  
With love's tender blushes the snows on thy breast;  
As faded the soft purples of even that hover  
On fleecy white sails and the waves' whiter crest.

Then proudly, hold bird, ever wander and wrestle  
With whirlwind and wave like the spirit wing'd free  
Of some memory'd hero that marks where his vessel  
Dived deep for her doom in the desperate sea.  
Or some of some Viking resounding in story,  
That cowed with his conquering keel the far main,  
Low-bending to brood on the scenes of past glory—  
The blow of battle, the spoils and the slain.

Now for through the curtaining mist glimmered o'er  
With glimmering gold from the sun's Thy form, flickers fainter: "Farewell, fearless rover,  
And pilot thee safe through the steamy damp grey."  
—DUDLEY H. ANDERSON.  
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 1914.

## A QUESTION FOR THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR.

(Evening Post, New York.)  
If the cable reports of the German chancellor's speech to the Reichstag are correct, that gentleman has completely shifted his ground as to the causes of the war. The chancellor now conveniently forgets the past and reproaches Britain for not having threatened Russia with dire vengeance if she allowed a continental war to arise out of Austria's ultimatum to Serbia. But if this is a valid argument against Britain and in our judgment it is not—is it not precisely as just to ask the old question: Why did not the kaiser notify his subservient ally that he would not permit a continental war to arise out of her ultimatum to Serbia? If there was any responsibility on Britain whatever to hold Russia in check, there was ten thousand times more responsibility upon Germany to prevent the original firing of the fatal train.

## DECLARATION OF FREEDOM.

Uttered at the opening session of the war parliament of France, the battle cry of the republic so eloquently voiced by Mr. Viviani is a terrific arraignment of Germany and German war and at the same time is a declaration of freedom that will live long in the annals of liberty throughout the earth.

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**Silk Sweaters**, in very pretty shades, at \$5.75, \$7.50 and ..... **\$8.75**

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**Silk Caps**—New shipment just opened up, in colors olive green, saxe blue, rose, royal and cardinal; also saxe with black, cerise with black, black with white, and black with gold. Each at ..... **\$1.25**  
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**Ladies' Dogskin Gloves**, English make, extra quality, in tan only; one-clasp. Per pair, at ..... **\$1.25**

**Children's Dogskin Gloves**, in sizes 000 to J. Pair ..... **75c**  
Sizes 2 to 6. Pair ..... **\$1.00**  
—Main Floor

## For Children's Parties

**Lunch Sets**—Dennison's Fast Color Crepe Paper Lunch Sets, attractive and indispensable for all occasions, consisting of: 1 Table Cover, 12 Table Napkins, 12 Doilies, and 12 Plates, all artistically decorated in fast colors.

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**Table Napkins**, in an assortment of decorated designs, Per dozen, 10c; 2 dozen for 15c; 4 dozen for ..... **25c**

**Table Napkins**, plain white. Per 100 ..... **10c**  
**Waxed Paper**—Waxed Tissue Paper, 20 sheets for ..... **5c**

**Invitation Stationery**, dainty small size note paper, printed for children's invitation. Per box ..... **20c**

**Dessert Papers**, Soufflet Cases, Pie Dish Collars and Picnic Plates, in an endless variety.

## BOOK PRIZES

Spencer's Book Department have a large selection of Books at 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c and up to \$1.75, and give a special discount to schools, colleges and institutions.

—Main Floor

## Strong Tweed Pants for Working Men

Pants especially made for the man who requires something strong and serviceable. Well-tailored from extra strongly-woven tweeds, in various mixtures of greys, browns and greens; some in striped effects. Per pair \$2.00, \$1.75 and ..... **\$1.50**  
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## Boy's School Suits at Substantial Savings

Parents who are fitting their boys up with New Suits ready for school again will be wise in buying to-day and in choosing from either of these exceptional offerings. In both values there are some splendid bargains to be had and we would advise early shopping to get best choice—

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Peppermint Buds, per lb. .... **20c**  
Plain Butter Scotch, per lb. .... **20c**  
Almond Butter Scotch, reg. 40c for ..... **25c**  
Cocoanut Fudge, reg. 40c for ..... **25c**  
Chocolate Peanut Clip, reg. 40c for ..... **25c**  
Maple Croquettes, reg. 40c for ..... **25c**  
Bon Bon Mixture ..... **30c**  
Chocolate Mixture ..... **35c**  
Edinburgh Rock, per tin ..... **40c**  
Conversation Lozenges, per lb. .... **50c**  
Pop Corn Crispette, each ..... **5c**

A Delightful New Year Gift—Box of Chocolates.

Ganong's, fancy boxes, 25c and all prices up to ..... **\$3.00**  
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Saturday's Candy Specials as usual. See card in the department.

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## SMOKER A SUCCESS.

Plasterers' Union Held Pleasant Event Last Evening; Over One Hundred Attended.

Local 450 of the Operative Plasterers' International union held a splendid smoking concert last night in the Eagles' hall. From every point of view the affair was a great success and went with a swing from the time President C. Carter, of the local, gave his opening address to the close of the smoker.

Well over a hundred men were present, including several of the local contractors and mirth and jollity prevailed throughout. An excellent programme was put on by the union, and at the close cordial thanks were extended to all the artists who by their efforts helped to make the time pass so enjoyably. One of the highlights of the smoker was a fast three-round boxing contest between Larri-gan and Scott Cropper, while songs were rendered by Messrs. C. Webb, R. Buchanan, J. McLean, Wells and Day. Bro. Matheson obliged with a speech. Much credit is due to Bro. Clayton, secretary of the union, who did a great part of the work of organizing the function.

**Maccabees' Elect Officers.**—The election for officers for the ensuing year was held recently by Victoria Hive No. 1, Ladies of the Maccabees, the results being as follows: Commander, Lady Grace; lieutenant-commander, Lady Crowther; record-keeper, Lady Jarrett; chaplain, Lady Melton; lady-carm, Lady Champion; sergeant, Lady Rossiter; picket, Lady Parker; musician, Lady Jackson; captain of the guard, Lady Wrightworth; first soldier-bearer, Lady Katz. The retiring commander, Lady Cochenour, holds the office of past commander.

## BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

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**Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.**

**Too, Too, Make a Noise.**—New Year's Eve loud sounding horns, 10c at R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas Street.

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**The Key Shop, 610 Pandora.**

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**Of Course You Will continue to get in the New Year your Merchants' Lunch, 25c, at the Blanshard Inn next Public Library.**

**Piano for Rent, \$4. Phone 2507R.**

**"This War Has Shown the Thinking Canadian that as long as a man has a farm of his own he cannot lose his job, and his food problem is solved for him. A clerk, dependent on the resources of the city in which he lives, when he is thrown out of work feels the ground slipping from under his feet—precisely because it is not his ground." Maude Radford, Warren in The Saturday Evening Post.**

If you want some ground of your own in close touch with the E. & N. railway in the Nanaimo and Newcastle districts with five years in which to pay for it, write or call on the Vancouver Island Fruit Lands, Ltd. General Agents, Carmichael & Moorhead, Ltd., Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

**After Christmas have things repaired at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant Street.**

**Going to Entertain New Year's Day?**—Wine glasses, \$1.50 dozen; tumblers, 60c dozen; soda glasses, 75c dozen; decanters, 50c each; turkey platters, 60c; dinner plates \$1.25 dozen. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas Street.

**Hotel Ritz, winter rates, rooms, \$2 per week and up. Turkey dinner, New Year's Day and Sunday, 50c.**

**Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.**

**A Watch Night Service will be held on Thursday evening, at 11:30 in the Reformed Episcopal church, corner of Humboldt and Blanshard street, conducted by the rector, Rev. Dr. Clay. Mr. Inkster will assist in the devotional exercises. All members of every denomination are earnestly requested to be present that we may unitedly thank God for mercies received during the year passed, and to pray for blessing and guidance during the coming one.**

**Phoenix Stout, dozen pints, 75c.**

**The Best Resolution for 1915 is to daily get your lunch, 25c, at the Blanshard Inn, next Public Library.**

**Dry Fir Cordwood** \$3.00 per cord, \$2.50 half cord, delivered. Phone 2545.

**Building Permits.**—Building permits for the week ending yesterday were \$1,231,425.

**Building Permit.**—A building permit has been issued to T. C. Smith for a small building on Moss street, which Lowe Brothers will construct at a cost of \$700.

**Took Speedy Trial.**—Samuel Newton, manager of the Albert Head quarries, who is accused of a serious offence, appeared before Judge Lampman yesterday and chose speedy trial, through his counsel, George Powell, Vancouver. The hearing of the case was set for Tuesday next.

**House on Fire.**—The contents of the house of W. Brickwell on the old Esquimalt road, near Lamson street, were destroyed by a fire last evening during the absence of the occupants. The building belongs to T. Pearson. On account of the fire being outside the city limits, the department did not attend.

**Rotary Club luncheon.**—On Thursday afternoon at one o'clock, the members of the Rotary Club will take leave of 1914 at a luncheon in the Westholme Grill. As they do not want to see the year any more, considering that it has marked by somewhat of a halt in the progress of the city, they will bury it with pleasure. New Year's resolutions will be moved by J. H. Beatty, J. R. Clark, J. A. McTavish, J. R. Rice and M. C. Sands. The judging of the slogans sent in and the award of the prizes in the Gibson competition will take place at this luncheon.

**Children Contribute.**—The Sunday school children of St. Mary's, Oak Bay, decided this year to entertain instead of being entertained, and consequently, part of the sum which would otherwise have been devoted to their own entertainment was given to the Friendly Help society to be given by it to the Victoria Day nursery for the children's Christmas treat. The amount of \$20 contributed by St. Mary's children has, therefore, been handed to the management of the creche, and will no doubt provide many of the little tots with some useful gift.

**Court Congestion.**—The need of a new courthouse for the capital will be once more demonstrated next week when the poor accommodation will be taxed beyond its capacity. There will be two judges of the supreme court here for the first portion of the month to take the many cases which are awaiting a hearing. The court of appeal will be sitting for the better part of the month and the county court will be sitting for a majority of the court days in the month. Some arrangements will have to be made, but in any event there will be great inconvenience for judges, counsel and the public.

**New Year's Eve Ball.**—Tickets for the New Year's Eve ball to be held at the Empress hotel are to be limited to 250 this year in order that everyone may be provided with seats in the dining-room during the supper-hour, when a special entertainment is to be provided. The event, which is among the most popular of its kind in the city every year, is being looked forward to with keen enjoyment by all dancers and no thought is being spared to provide the best entertainment possible for all. The management asks that all parties of six or more will reserve their tables before-hand, in order that things may be facilitated.

**Children's Aid Dinner.**—The twenty-four boys at the Children's Aid home, Pembroke street, had their Christmas dinner yesterday at 1 o'clock, two enormous turkeys and a great steaming plum pudding being two of the principal features of the party. The long table was set in the large dormitory, and looked beautiful with its decorations of yellow and white, bright-colored crackers and big bowls of fruit. For the first time in the history of the home Mr. and Mrs. Spoford were able to sit down with the children, as in previous years they have been so busy with the Christmas tree that they have not been able to do so. The tree was given up this year, the boys deciding to give the money instead to one of the philanthropic funds, but on Christmas Eve they hung up their stockings, and not one of them was overlooked by Santa Claus.

**Soldiers.**—All "Jitneys" and Willows cars stop at the Skene Lowe Studio, corner Yates and Douglas. Headquarters for Septas.

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## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 30, 1889.

H. Saunders contemplates a three-story brick block on Johnson street, to be started early in the new year.

The members of the fire department will have an "at home" on New Year's day at the Deluge engine house.

The Germania club, the members of which include some of the best German families in the city, will enjoy themselves and make it pleasant at the same time with their proverbial Teutonic hospitality at Stelly's hall this evening.

On Sunday morning the sewer pipe and pottery factory of Messrs. Burris & Keller was totally destroyed by fire. The city fire department was summoned, but did not attend through it being outside the city limits. Jacob Haberkorn, the foreman, was removed to the hospital. The loss is \$15,000, on which \$2,000 insurance is carried. Fire was caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp.

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## SMALL FIRE LOSS

## IS YEAR'S RECORD

City Signally Free From Outbreaks; Loss on Buildings and Contents Small

For the second year the fire losses in Victoria have been very small.

There was one fire just outside the city limits which attracted public attention in this city on account of the death of the breadwinner, N. C. Summers, in a gallant attempt to save his family. The tragedy stirred public sympathy in a way it is stirred only by acts of personal heroism. A public subscription was taken up and the widow and survivors provided for by a generous public.

The fire chief was host to the Pacific Fire-Engine Association in September and a very successful gathering was held. It was attended by leading fire department heads from all over the provinces of Canada as far east as Winnipeg, and the western states. This convention coincided with the arrival here of the new hose wagon made by the Nott Fire Engine Company of Minneapolis, a piece of equipment which was greatly admired by the visiting chiefs.

As a consequence of the addition of the hose wagon the terms of the arrangement between the city and the Saanich council for the protection of a portion of Saanich will come into operation early in the new year. Immediately outside the city some houses were totally destroyed during the warm weather. This indicated the need of fire protection in the district.

The desire for a reduction of insurance rates on business property in the city has been largely discussed this year. As a result a re-survey of mercantile risks has been in progress for some time. The underwriters have now agreed to a reduction in rates as from January 1, provided the city puts in a new fire alarm system and carries out other minor improvements, the needs of which are admitted.

The department sent two men to the European war and one has returned from the front after honorable service in which he was wounded.

The report of the fire department for the year is as follows:

Month	Alarms	Bldgs. Conts.
January	15	605.65
February	15	605.65
March	26	6,506.30
April	11	822.25
May	23	3,206.59
June	18	1,248.90
July	28	779.30
August	40	55.15
September	24	134.10
October	15	2,674.79
November	9	300.00
December	21	2,924.74
1914	276	\$19,310.89

1913 265 \$18,626.51 \$28,725.83

There was \$28,230 carried in insurance on buildings destroyed or damaged, and \$18,500 on contents this year.

The following details of work done are of interest:

Number of gallons of water used from hydrants for extinguishing of fires, 47,825	Number of feet of ladders raised, 1,719
Number of feet of 2 1/2 in. fire hose laid, 8,223	Number of gallons of chemicals used, 2,915
Number of tubes of pyrene used, 7	Number of feet of ladders raised, 1,719
Number of hours worked by department, 230 hours 18 minutes	Number of miles travelled by department in responding to alarms, 1,561 miles
Number of rubbish burning permits granted, 2,019	Number of buildings inspected, 239
Number of feet of ladders raised, 1,719	Number of notices served, 149
Number of fire escapes inspected, 3	Number of police court convictions, 11

**Convention Coming.**—A provisional date has been fixed for the holding in this city of the get-together meeting of the Northwest Rotary clubs. This will be a not-worthy gathering and many visitors will come to the city on that occasion.

## TO GIVE EFFECT.

Resolution Will Be Introduced at City Council Meeting Concerning Rock Bay Leases.

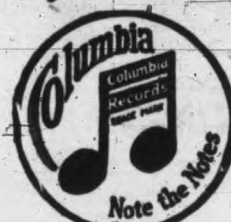
A notice of motion has been posted for consideration at the next meeting of the city council, calling attention to the necessity of bringing into effect the recent judgment of the supreme court in the Rock Bay suit. In that judgment the court found that the water at Rock Bay was navigable and therefore the Dominion government was rightly in control. Hence the city lease from the Dominion government is valid and the city can in turn execute a lease, or rather leases, with the Lemon, Gonnason Co., and the Taylor Mill company. It will be necessary to introduce two by-laws in order to give effect to the judgment.

Matters in regard to Ross Bay will be dealt with in an amendment to the existing by-law, which will probably be introduced at the same time.

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Yesterday we had the pleasure of trying this record for several well-known Victorians, and without exception they were delighted with it. Don't ask to hear it unless you are prepared to be moved to cable Kitchener an offer of your services on the spot. It has that effect. But, if you own a Columbia or a Victor, you OUGHT to have this record. It's a 12-inch double-disc.

## Many Hits in the

## January Columbia Records

There are many worth-while selections in the new January list of Columbia Double-Disc Records. Those who seek additions to their home lists will find much to choose from.

## Come in To-day for Catalogues and Demonstrations.

Tannhauser (Wagner), "O Star of Eve," In English, with orchestra. Charles W. Clark, baritone. Herodias (Maseuet), "Vision Fugitive" (Fleetwing Vision), In French, with orchestra. Charles W. Clark, baritone. Mary (Richardson), In English, with orchestra. Bernice de Pasquill, soprano. Swiss Echo Song (Eckert), In English, with orchestra. Bernice de Pasquill, soprano. Jewels of the Madonna-Intermezzo No. 1 (Wolf-Ferrari), Prince's Orchestra. Jewels of the Madonna-Intermezzo No. 2 (Wolf-Ferrari), Prince's Orchestra. In the Garden (Lango), Ada Jones, soprano, and George W. Ballard, tenor, Orchestra accompaniment. It's a Very Easy Thing to Put a Ring Upon a Finger (Grant), Arthur Collins, baritone, and Byron G. Harlan, tenor, Orchestra accompaniment. Do the Funny Fox Trot (Carroll and Carroll), Arthur Collins, baritone, and Byron G. Harlan, tenor, Orchestra accompaniment. Poor Pastime (Watkins), Arthur Fields, baritone, Orchestra accompaniment. Dances from "Henry Eighth" (German), Morris Dance, Columbia Orchestra. "Henry Eighth" (German), Shepherd's Dance, Columbia Orchestra. When It's Night Time Down in Dixie (Paley), Columbia Quartette, Orchestra accompaniment. The Dress My Mother Wore (Sunshine and Marshall), Chirfow W. Harrison, tenor, and Andrea Sarto, baritone, Orchestra accompaniment. Chinatown, My Chinatown (Schwartz) Grace Kerns, soprano, and John Barnes Wells, tenor, Orchestra accompaniment. Mrs. Sipp, You're a Grand Old Girl (Ashlyn), Columbia Stellar Quartette. In Slam, from "Wars of the World" (Klein), Henry Burr, tenor, Orchestra accompaniment. Push Don't Push Away, "Good-bye, Manhattan Isle," Columbia Quartette, Orchestra accompaniment. Minstrel-Introducing "I Don't Care If You Never Come Back" (Lange), Columbia Quartette, Orchestra accompaniment. Bye, Bye, Manhattan Isle, Columbia Minstrel. It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary (Whitman), Prince's Band, with men's chorus. Old Comrade March (Kieko), Eileen Reid. Aloha (Lilukalani), Toots Paka Hawaiian Company. Hawaiian Medley-Instrumental. Swiss-Puka-Hawaiian Company. A Perfect Day (Jacobs-Bond), Columbia Mixed Quartette.

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**"Sunshine" Out.**—The weekly copy of "Sunshine," the Rotary Club paper, is out, and as usual is a good one. The Rotarian whose career is dealt with this week is Wallace S. Terry, one of the most active members of the club. An appreciative article tells of his many activities in business and civic life. A list of the members of the club is contained in this issue.

**Receiver Appointed.**—Mr. Justice Gregory has appointed Bernard P. Schwengers as receiver of the business

of the Island Sheet Metal Works, Graham street. This notice was taken on petition of E. G. Prior and Company, Limited, the chief creditors who were represented by H. Despard Twigg. Mr. Schwengers is named as receiver until he files in court a statement of assets and liabilities, when he is to apply for further instructions.

Tyranny may last through ages where discussion is suppressed. Discussion may safely be left free by rulers who act on popular principles.—Macaulay.



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Tourist—"Why, what's on next week?"

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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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A. Lister, of Vancouver, is staying at the Empress hotel.

George A. Scott is at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

V. C. Young is staying at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

H. H. Adams, of Butte, Mont., is registered at the Empress hotel.

R. Hall is among the newly-arrived guests in the city from Vancouver.

J. E. Whatmough, of Manchester, Eng., is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

Miss Ellen Hughes was one of yesterday's arrivals at the Empress hotel.

K. Graham is here from Ladner and is staying at the King Edward hotel.

A. Carlson is in the capital from Seattle and is at the Strathcona hotel.

E. N. Carroll is staying at the Strathcona hotel while in the city from Seattle.

H. H. Rowley is here from Vancouver and is stopping at the Empress hotel.

F. R. Schikora is in the capital from Vancouver and is at the King Edward hotel.

G. E. Frith is a newly-arrived guest at the King Edward hotel from Vancouver.

L. E. Force, of Seattle, is among those who are registered at the Strathcona hotel.

A. McMahon has arrived from New York and is registered at the King Edward hotel.

W. L. Craig is in the city from Vancouver.

cover and is staying at the King Edward hotel.

T. B. Mohler, of Seattle, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

E. W. Ogle is in the city from Toronto and is registered at the Empress hotel.

A. H. Sperry, of Vancouver, was one of this morning's arrivals at the Empress hotel.

H. E. Benner is in the city from Vancouver and is stopping at the Empress hotel.

Robert S. Mowat, a former Victorian now residing in Tacoma, is at the Dominion hotel.

J. B. Simpson, of Vancouver, is one of the Mainland guests at the King Edward hotel.

W. Bell, of Merritt, is visiting the capital and is registered at the King Edward hotel.

C. W. Sprague arrived here yesterday from Seattle and is stopping at the Empress hotel.

Arthur Wheeler is a Sidney visitor in the city. He is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. William Atkins, Beach Cottage, 132 Dallas road, will not receive on New Year's Day.

W. Littlewood is among the Vancouver residents who are registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Belfry are in the city from Shawinigan Lake and are guests at the Strathcona hotel.

James A. Fullerton arrived this morning from Vancouver and is stopping at the Empress hotel.

Dr. Westbrook, president of the British Columbia university, is among the guests at the Empress hotel.

Mrs. R. L. Phillips, 31 Hull street, will receive to-morrow afternoon and not again until further notice.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Archibald have arrived in the city from Calgary and are stopping at the Empress hotel.

Among the guests at the Dominion hotel are Mrs. A. C. King, New York; H. T. Schiel, of Tenino, Wash., and Miss K. Rolis, of Bella Coola.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Verrier, of "San Souci," Saanich, entertained a large number of city and country friends at their beautiful home last night, the occasion being the first "At Home" of the newly-married couple. There were dancing and songs to enliven the evening, the latter being rendered by Mrs. Herbert Leiser, Mr. Leiser playing the accompaniment. The dance music was ably given by Miss Drinkle and Miss Castle, of this city, piano and violin, respectively. J. D. Taylor, of the Union bank, also furnished a violin solo. Shortly before midnight refreshments were served in the basement of the building, which had been decorated beautifully for the occasion. Two tables were set. There were many motor parties from the city present, including Mr. and Mrs. H. Macklin, Mrs. Edward Geiger, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Leiser, Mrs. G. F. Stelly, Mr. and Mrs. S. Moody, Mr. Blake Nason, Mr. F. Nason, Miss Maude Nason, Miss Jennings, Miss J. Leask, Mrs. Fraser and many others. The event did not break up until late this morning, a most enjoyable time having been spent by all.

Mrs. Jellus (to prospective parlor-maid)—"I am afraid you won't do. You see you are—very good looking, and my husband being an artist is a great admirer of female beauty and—"

"Parlor-maid (interposing)—"Yes, ma'am, anyone can see that by his marrying you." Mrs. Jellus—"Er—well, anyway, I will give you a month's trial."

Some people are never satisfied. For example, the prisoner who complained of the literature that the prison angel gave him to read. "Nutt'n but continued stories," he grumbled. "An' I'm to be hung next Tuesday."

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Reg. \$50.00, for	<b>\$25.00</b>
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The entire stock of Hats to be cleared at prices that will demand attention. See Thursday's Colonist.

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## AT THE THEATRES

A FINE PICTURE

A very acceptable programme is being offered at the Majestic theatre to-day and to-morrow and the headline is worthy of special mention. It is entitled "The New Magdalen" and is adapted from the novel by Wilkie Collins. This book was dramatized and produced about forty years ago and was an unprecedented success. The visualized version has been very ably produced and the costuming in some instances is magnificent. Much vividness is shown in the battle scenes and the salient points in this tremendous drama are brought out in a most striking manner which makes this picture as acted by the Biograph players a headliner on any programme. The eleventh of the series of the "Beloved Adventure" is being run as usual and should prove to be a great attraction. The comedy end of the bill is not forgotten.

By special request the management has arranged for the war film that was run on Monday and Tuesday to be repeated again to-day to enable all who wish to see these marvelous scenes from the battlefield, to do so.

"SEPTEMBER MORN."

"September Morn" a new musical comedy which Rowland and Clifford produced for the first time in Chicago last summer, seems to be scoring triumph upon triumph in every city on its tour to the coast, according to all reports. In the Victoria presentation, Julian Rubell, who was last seen here with "The Prince of Pilsen," is cast

## WORK

for the

**Victoria Patriotic Aid Fund**

for the principal comedy role. The leading feminine character will be assumed by Grace Childers, a dainty comedienne who, like Joan Sawyer, an eastern rival in the field of tango dancing, is a danseuse of charming grace. In the "Everybody's Tango Crazy" number occurring in the second act of the comedy, Miss Childers, as Argentina, will toe with grace every variation of the modern dance. Only one performance will be given at the Royal Victoria theatre, this being on Monday evening, January 4.

"I wonder why it is," said the man with an inquiring mind, "that the paper boys haunt the tramcars so persistently." "That's perfectly apparent," replied the woman with him. "There's no telling what minute a man may need a paper to keep him from seeing some woman who is standing."

Thomas Cosgate introduced the fork into England about 1599.

## EMPRESS HOTEL

**New Year's Eve Ball**

DECEMBER 31, 1914

Dancing 9 p.m., Supper 11.15 p.m.

Tickets \$2.50



## ASKS WHAT LOWEST AMOUNT WOULD BE

Ald. Bell Inquires for Development Association's Minimum Need; the Report

"Discussing the financing of the work of the Victoria and Island Development Association in the coming year, having heard a statement from the commissioner as to the great need of funds, Alderman Bell yesterday asked the commissioner what was the minimum sum upon which the work could be carried out."

"We voted \$4,000 for industrial purposes and \$6,000 for publicity, and it seems the former cannot be carried on under present conditions," said Alderman Porter.

"Both are interwoven together and the reduction of the vote would kill the work of this organization," replied Commissioner Cuthbert.

"You have been shown in this report that Victoria is in touch with all organized travel to the coast; that every convention and organized body coming to the coast has been communicated with."

"Those words came in the summary of the lengthy report from the commissioner."

"Our literature to-day is in every hotel and ticket office on the Pacific coast, from San Diego to Vancouver. It is in the hands of every person known to be coming to the coast. In addition to this we have the permission of the heads of the eight great railways of the American continent that all their avenues of distribution are open to us. We have secured the cooperation and help of these railways, whose own appropriation for advertising is nearly \$2,000,000 per year."

"The two exhibitions in California will spend millions of dollars in attracting people to the coast. The question for this association and the city council to consider is how far shall we go in the endeavor to participate in this business? Shall we neglect to take advantage of this unusual opportunity to advertise Victoria and to bring it to

the personal attention of those who will visit California?"

"It is not because I hold the position I do, I would if I occupied the position any one of you gentlemen does to-day. This is not the time to curtail the advertising of Victoria; it is a time when it should be increased if possible, four fold, for the opportunity will never occur again. Every dollar which has been entrusted to this association has been well spent. From my experience, which should count, I believe it has gained as much as three or four dollars spent by other bureaus. The books of the association are open to anyone at any time, any moment, to find out where the money has gone."

"What has been the accomplishment on this trip is set before you fairly in detail to show you how your money has been spent. Victoria is not experiencing hard times because the people in the city or the majority of them have not in the past saved their money, or been worth money, but because, instead of their savings having been deposited in a savings bank, they have been invested in real estate. If those savings could be realized to-day, Victoria would be one of the best and most prosperous cities in Canada. Those savings were invested because the people looked upon Victoria not only as an industrial centre, but because of its residential possibilities, and as a future national port."

Mr. Cuthbert recommended to the city council, if it was felt to be necessary to spend any money for the benefit of the unemployed, immediately after the new year opens, "that the piece of ground belonging to the city behind the Empress hotel should be levelled and made into a public recreation ground for the accommodation of all athletes, with the necessary grand stand and bleachers."

The other matter he found people asking for in the northwest provinces was a public salt water bathhouse, such as exists in the various resorts in California. This would be a most inestimable boon, not only to visitors, but to people of Victoria.

Mr. Cuthbert said he had learned of a big movement to be carried out during the coming year by the manufacturers of the United States, an invasion of Canada.

"Some 30 or 40 of the leading manufacturers whose goods are not so well placed in Canada as they think they ought to be, and who are likely to establish branch factories in Canada."

will tour the Dominion in special trains from one end of it to the other. The trains will contain their members and also their exhibits."

Mr. Hinton, passenger traffic manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, had agreed to the display of motion pictures at the Grand Trunk building at the Fair at San Francisco, if Victoria would supply the reels.

"I spent several hours in the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibit, which is considered one of the best on the continent," Mr. Cuthbert remarked. "I was very much surprised to find that in Victoria we can get up just a good permanent exhibit as he (Commissioner Roland) has got. There were only about four lines that we do not manufacture in Victoria, and if the number of people who exhibited in our made-in-Victoria Fair would put up permanent exhibits, and we had the same exhibit from the Dominion and provincial governments, and from the two railway companies as Winnipeg has, we could have just as creditable and as big an exhibit as they have in the Industrial Bureau at Winnipeg."

On the motion of C. H. Lugin, seconded by Alderman Todd a congratulatory vote to the commission was adopted.

In view of the appeals for economy, a long discussion took place on the way of financing the work of the organization next year and it was eventually decided that the executive should meet a deputation from the Civic Improvement association, should the association so wish.

How to be Popular.—When your host begins a story you have heard before, always interrupt, and say so. Then add encouragingly, "But go on. May be some of the others haven't heard it." Be intrepid. When the rug is pulled back and the photograph started, say to your partner, "I've never done any of these new steps, but I don't mind trying." Be helpful. If there is a black spot on the gas mantle, show how to fix it, standing on a chair for the purpose. This adds greatly to the evening's gaiety. Be a comedian. If there is a shy person present, pounce on him unexpectedly, with, "We haven't heard a word from you. Come say something clever."

Thus everyone is put at his ease, and your hosts are relieved of much of the burden of entertaining. Discuss the causes of the war.

## LEAVE SALARIES OVER TILL FUTURE MEETING

City Council is in Critical Mood on Estimates; Rigid Economy Starts

"As a preliminary I will move that we leave the salaries in every department, and deal with them all together after other matters in the estimates have been concluded," said Alderman McNeill when consideration of the estimates came up at the council committee last evening.

The motion was agreed to without discussion, Alderman Porter joyfully remarking: "That is in case we wish to give increases, Mr. Mayor."

From what transpired later, however, it is certain that all salaries will be cut, though the basis of the cut is not yet disclosed.

The aldermen adjourned after a three hours session, to meet again on Monday. Details of the estimates by departments are:

	1914	1915
City debt	\$66,297	\$105,305
Municipal council	8,000	8,000
Legal department	17,419	11,620
Civic salaries	54,007	46,700
Store maintenance	7,510	5,420
Cemetery	4,965	4,380
Parks	25,060	25,940
Pound	3,809	3,350
Police	114,970	97,410
Fire department	150,684	152,344
Library	20,000	15,000
Street lighting	52,500	43,000
Public market	2,105	1,770
Aged and infirm	13,240	13,240
Buildings	36,100	30,000
Miscellaneous	117,850	90,750
Teachers' salaries	238,410	235,000
School board	89,257	75,000
School debt charges	90,880	96,160
High school site	4,000	
Board of health	79,760	64,600
City engineer	24,000	22,000
Survey department	41,165	22,500
Streets	110,740	100,500
Garbage collection	83,627	62,000
Street cleaning	100,000	60,500
Sewer maintenance	40,250	27,200
Plant account	47,900	42,500
Waterworks	223,770	128,350
Waterworks debt	180,461	199,446
Telephone, conduits	40,000	
Total	\$2,426,859	\$2,196,678

Taking up the health department estimate Mr. Hall, medical health officer, explained the work of the sanitary inspectors in answer to Alderman Todd's queries. Alderman Todd moved that the services of the second assistant should be dispensed with. Alderman Bell suggested a revision of salaries in order to save all employees and not put a man out of work.

Ald. McCandless, chairman of the health committee, defended the necessity of all men, being retained, explaining their duties. Alderman McNeill stated that to make ends meet, both reduction of staff and of salaries must come.

"The council was advised to the point where it has been impossible for the taxpayers to pay their taxes," said Alderman Todd, in answer to an observation of Alderman Fullerton that he intended to be guided by the department heads.

By a majority vote the committee decided to strike out the vote for the salary of the second assistant.

Dealing with the situation of the Royal Jubilee hospital, Alderman McNeill stated that the minimum the hospital could get through on was \$5,000, the net deficit being between \$8,000 and \$9,500, he had been informed. This sum would be additional to the \$12,000 for running expenses (\$1,000 a month for indigent cases) which the council was asked to pay.

Alderman McKell thought there should be a resolution sent from the council to the board of directors urging them to collect charges from patients who could well afford to pay. His honest opinion was that there was not due diligence given to collections. He contrasted the hospital's system with that of the city in the isolation hospital.

"The institution is abused and people take advantage of the situation," said Alderman Porter. The alderman believed it would be better to revert to the old system of payment per patient.

Dr. Hall observed that the result of Alderman Porter's suggestion would be to have saved \$5,000; payment per patient would have actually involved only a cost of \$7,000. He had opposed the straight grant per month when it was adopted twelve months ago, but his advice had been disregarded.

Alderman McKell supported the plan of payment per patient.

Alderman McNeill then moved that a straight vote of \$15,000 should be granted, of which \$10,000 should be for indigents and \$5,000 to help the board with the deficit.

An amendment that the amount be \$12,500 was carried.

"I am not afraid of a deficit," said Alderman Bell, when it was urged that a deficit in the expenses of the legal department should be avoided.

The vote for the salary of the land purchasing agent was dropped. The extinction of the office will come shortly.

Alderman Todd criticized the vote for the wiring officials, declaring that the high cost of wiring under the by-law was far too high. The vote was passed on the understanding that the clerk will be dispensed with and the work will be done by some official in another department.

Reduction of staff in the purchasing agent's department may follow, the controller expressing the opinion that the accounting of the department should be transferred to the treasury.

Alderman Todd objected to the expense of the maintenance of the Beacon Hill nursery.

"This," he declared, "is overdone and is a competition with men in the business." He described it as a "jungle."

Alderman Dilworth went for the previous speaker warmly, declaring, "You do not know what you are talking

about." The nursery had supplied several thousand dollars' worth of trees to the boulevards.

"You are spending money for a publicity man to induce people to come to Victoria. What will they see if you cut off the vote for parks?" The vote for Beacon Hill park was reduced, however.

Taking the vote for Gorge park, Alderman McNeill considered that the council should contribute to the upkeep of the park, which is in its boundaries.

The board decided to reduce the Mount Douglas park vote to \$500.

Alderman Dilworth ridiculed the idea of maintaining the park on that small figure.

The aldermen do not know what they are talking about. A deer park is needed this year," he declared.

The committee then killed the item for park concerts, declaring it was a luxury unnecessary now.

In answer to Alderman McNeill, Alderman Todd said the police commissioners themselves had thought there were too many detectives on the police force, but their value had been emphasized by the police chief and the deputy chief. This year the police protection had been up to the average of former years.

Several of the aldermen united in declaring that there were too many detectives on the force. Alderman Bell thought that five men might be dispensed with. It was eventually decided that the council should recommend to the police commissioners that there should be a reduction of four detectives.

All automatic increases in the police force, it was stated, have been cancelled.

Alderman Fullerton said the fire department showed a saving of nearly \$20,000 on maintenance for next year. The wardens' committee had not taken up the issue of the water charge for hydrant service.

Alderman Todd suggested reverting to the original plan of one day off in seven for firemen instead of one day in six, introduced 12 months ago. This would save the sum of \$6,300.

Chief Davis said a reversion to the old system would "penalize the men."

The committee voted five-alls for Alderman Todd's motion, and the present system should continue.

"I will move that the figure of \$37,500 for hydrant service be struck out from the estimates," said Alderman Bell. "I venture to submit that if the item is eliminated the fire department will show up fairly. The waterworks receipts are merely being fattened up at the expense of the department."

Alderman Fullerton contended that 25 per cent. of estimates of the department were charges for water which the department did not use.

Alderman McNeill stated that the cost of a waterworks department was necessarily greatly increased by the pressure and capacity of the mains required for fire protection purposes. He contended that the waterworks department should be credited with the extension of mains for fire protection services. He quoted from experience at Regina, a larger city in area with half the cost of the Victoria department.

The motion to strike the vote out was defeated, and then Alderman Bell asked for a lower figure than the one suggested.

The water commissioner addressed the aldermen.

"The hydrant rental should be charged on the basis of the service to the community. The cost, it has been ascertained on examination by the authorities in the United States, varies from 75 per cent. in small cities to 25 per cent. in large cities." He fixed a fair value at \$46,000.

An amendment for \$15 per hydrant was defeated by seven votes to three, and the figure set by the commissioner will stand.

City Electrician Hutchison explained the working of the department.

"Nothing detracts more from the efficiency of a technical department than interference with salaries," he said.

The departmental vote passed, as did also the library estimates, with a cut of \$1,000 on the appropriation for books.

**WESLEY ENTERTAINMENT**  
Interesting Christmas Programme Carried Through Last Evening at Victoria West.

The annual Christmas entertainment of Wesley Methodist Sunday school took place last evening, and the big social hall of the church was crowded to the doors with young and old people who had come to watch and participate in the interesting proceedings.

The excellent programme was prepared under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Wright, Miss Knappett, Miss Clayton and Miss Thompson, and the pastor, Rev. S. J. Thompson, presided as chairman. H. C. Osborne, superintendent of the Sunday school, and his staff, were heartily congratulated on the excellence of the programme, and the sum of \$22 was collected during the proceedings for the Belgian Relief fund.

The great feature of the entertainment was the final tableau showing Britannia and her Allies, about twenty of the Sunday school pupils and a number of soldiers from the Willows' camp taking part in this picturesque patriotic setting, which was heartily applauded.

The other part of the programme was as follows: Christmas carol, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear;" "The First Noel;" song by the junior class of girls, "The Fairies' Lullaby;" chorus by the primary department, "Jolly Boys and Girls Are We;" recitation: "The Tree We Love," by the primary department; dialogue, "The Snow Shovelers;" Hoop Drill, by about twenty-five girls; pantomime, "Bed-Time," by the primary department; solo by Kitty Daniels; recitation, by Ruth Grimason; song by the junior girls and boys: "If You Are Good;" piano solo, Anna Anderson; tableaux, "Shepherds in the Field," "The Manger in Bethlehem," "The Wise Men and the Star;" recitation, Clara Turvo; dialogue, "Santa Claus in Many Lands;" and recitation by Willie Rodway: "Twas Only a Bit of Bunting."

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MAKE LAST LENGTH OF STEEL WATER PIPE

Notable Day on Waterworks Contract; Work Done Expeditiously

Founded by the Westholme Lumber company to manufacture pipe for Sooke waterworks, and continued by the Burrard Engineering company when it received the contract for the steel pressure pipe in April, the Thetis Cove plant will make the last length of pipe for the steel line from Humpback Reservoir to the city this afternoon.

The Burrard company set out seriously to work a few weeks after the contract was awarded and has manufactured the pipe for the 57,764 feet required in the past eight months, being delayed by the fire in July only for a brief period. Part of the pipe is three-eighths of an inch thick and part five-sixteenths of an inch. The expedition shown by the contractors has been frequently alluded to eulogistically by the supervising engineers. The work has been executed without any check.

The bulk of the plant will be moved at an early date to the mainland. Some necessary equipment will be retained in case of accident to the pipe along the right-of-way, which will be in position in about another month. The engineers now look for the completion of the line to the reservoir early in February.

On drying at the plant each section

By-law is Now Ready for Submission to Inspector of Municipalities; Name of New Road.

At the meeting of the Saanich council yesterday afternoon the final readings of the lake road improvement by-law were considered and the by-law will now be submitted to the inspector of municipalities for approval, before action is taken on the tenders.

The Shelbourne street expropriation by-law was under consideration, as were also the by-laws for Blackwood and Marigold roads, the latter of which as amended will have to be submitted for confirmation to the legislature next year in the municipality's private bill.

The road which is to be constructed between sections 56, and 57, from Cedar Hill road, will be known as the Liding road.

A court of revision on the municipal voters' lists will be held on Monday next, the statutory date, at Royal Oak hall.

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## BRITAIN IN WAR TIME APPEARS JUST NORMAL

London Visitor Gives Interesting Observations on Daily Life of People

"A stranger landing on British shores who had not heard of the war would find little indication in Great Britain to show that she was engaged in the greatest military and naval struggle in the history of the world."

This is the opinion of B. N. Ashton, a London visitor to the city, who in a short interview with the Times this morning gave some recent details of economic conditions in the Old Country.

"I might say," he added, "that never to the outward eye has the country appeared so prosperous. Business appears to be brisk; men and women go about with smiling faces; and the restaurants, cafes and places of amusement appear to be just as full as ever. In fact, the recent statistics go to show that the amount of unemployment and poverty is much smaller now than in several decades. War may bring its terrible effects later, but just now, excepting always of course the daily draining of the blood of British manhood, its outward consequences are not nearly so disastrous as one would believe."

But this hectic busy time is not the normal working of the greatest industrial people in the world, for practically all the materials which are being fashioned in the factories are to be used for purposes of war. Nearly all the woolen manufacture is for khaki suits, blankets, mufflers, etc., for the troops. What cotton industry there is is dedicated to the same end. The shipbuilding yards and armament factories are the busiest of the whole. The mechanics, engineers and fitters are coming into their own at last. The great yards of the Thames, Mersey, Clyde, Tees and Tyne are working overtime to meet the governmental demand for more ships, more arms, more bayonets, and other implements of modern war. The aeroplane factories are working as they never did before, and I believe after this war Britain will emerge in a stronger position from a purely defensive point of view than ever in her long and chequered history.

"If there is one thing that strikes me above all others in connection with the British attitude towards the war, it is the position of the women of the country. Their courage is, in my opinion, equal to that of the men in the trenches. Patience in adversity, courage in stress, and cheerful sacrifice are the keywords of their existence. The war is hitting the people of the manors just as hard as the people in the poorer parts of the great cities—relatively, perhaps, more so. But aristocracy and proletariat are joined as never before in one common bond of mutual sacrifice and mutual sympathies."

"A uniform is, of course, practically indolized, and Tommies home from the front always get a magnificent reception. One often sees in bath chairs or taking the air outside some hospital a bunch of wounded soldiers recounting their experiences, and you may imagine they are the cynosure of all eyes. Should they get into a crowd they are liable to get more wounds from too much kindness. Every public square, every barrack yard, is filled with the men of Kitchener's army, preparing for the grand reinforcement of the 'Jaded troops in the New Year.'"

## MARKET HELD TO-DAY

Bustle of Last Week Not in Evidence; Prices Little Changed.

Most people seem to have done their marketing for the Christmas holiday season last Wednesday, as to-day's market was very quiet as compared with the one last week. However, it was evident that the farmer did not anticipate the hum and bustle which was experienced on that occasion, as very few baskets of heavy supply of produce were not present at all. A nice balance was, consequently, maintained, and, relatively, the proportion of produce that was disposed of was just as large as usual. Not a few people leaving the market expressed their disappointment at the prospect of being unable to obtain their usual supply of flowers in the future, and the hope was expressed that the committee will permit the sale of a commodity which no doubt draws many customers to the market who would not otherwise go. The market will be held on Friday next week as usual.

There was a notable drop to-day in the price of eggs, which were selling generally at 30 cents a dozen. Poultry was in evidence at most of the stalls, selling in most instances at 25 cents per pound for milk-fed chicken, 20 cents for grain fed, 18 cents per pound for fowl. Dairy-fed pork was selling at prices varying from 15 to 20 cents; veal at 15 to 25 cents per pound, and beef at from 12 to 18.

Greenhouse lettuces were at once stall priced at four for ten cents, and Brussels sprouts were selling well at five cents per pound. It has been rather surprising to many newly-returned Victorians to find sweet-peas in the market so late in the season, for the past three weeks some of the favored pink and mauve blooms being found at the stall of a well known local florist.

A little luxury which has proved most acceptable to the stall-holders themselves was introduced with the first sharp weather, about a month ago. A delicious bowl of hot-soup may now be purchased right in the market, and makes a very acceptable refreshment to those who are not quite sold out but nearly ready to go home to their own dinner.

## SUNDAY SET ASIDE FOR INTERCESSION

(Continued from page 1.)

"In the midst of the awful ravages with which it is overspreading whole countries in Europe, and not withstanding the fact that our own mighty empire is engaged in it, we are now without consolation even in this festive season. We are filled with the comforting consciousness that we have no responsibility to bear for the beginning of this dreadful scourge. All that could be expected from the wisest and most humane of men was done to avert the catastrophe by our statesmen in the mother country; and now we have the comfort to know that we are engaged in an honorable struggle for right and justice, and we may add without rashness, for Christian civilization."

"Another comfort is offered to us from the principles of our holy faith, that God in his almightiness can make 'light shine out of the darkness.' In the beginning this was the creative act; that out of chaos God caused the light of creation to flash into being. Since then the same act of beneficence has been exercised from time to time throughout history for the benefit of humanity. The calamity of the war may, and no doubt is, in the designs of God, for the healing of the nations."

"Britain was threatened with dissensions at home and abroad. In the very first stages of the war a marvelous unity in sentiment and action was manifested, and since continued to the advantage of the empire."

"Belgium may be considered the Job of the nation, and, though stricken by God, there is every reason for confidence that she will be restored to her possessions with an immense addition of glory before the nations."

"France, some seven years ago, sinned an enormous sin of irreverence and injustice. The devastation with which the face of her country is laid waste, is a well-merited chastisement, and is bringing her children to a splendid sense of duty that will, doubtless, contribute much to restore her religious and social status. The law is at least a very harsh one, which compels priests, consecrated to the service of peace, to take their place as soldiers on the battle-field, to 'conquer' by death their fellowmen; but the splendid heroism, before the foe, and the apostolic zeal for the salvation of their fellow will blaze forth in all history for the edification of men. These are some of the advantages that God may draw out of evil, some light that he might flash from the darkness for the healing of nations."

"Let this be the object of your frequent prayers, and especially, of all your devotions and exercises of piety on Sunday next, the day of national intercession. It behooves us to remember that the hand of the Lord is not shortened, that he may still save us, both as a nation and as individuals. That these blessings of peace may be ours and that the peace of the world may be happily restored, recite fervently for this intention together with your congregation, five Our Fathers and five Hail Marys after the last mass on Sunday next."

"I profit by the occasion to wish you and your devoted people the usual blessings of the festive season, and beg the divine infant to bestow upon you and your congregation all graces and favors calculated to make your new year a very happy one, and that it may be followed by many others."

## MASSACRE TO TERRORIZE BELGIUM IS REVEALED

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period he will undergo death. The foremost among these hostages will be the priests, the burgomasters and other members of the administration.

"All civilians will show their respect for German officers by lifting their hats or giving the military salute. In case of doubt, not obeying must expect that the German soldiers will command respect by other methods."

"All resistance to these orders will mean death."

"Whoever does injury to the German army under the insignia of the Red Cross will be hanged."

"All suspected persons are liable to be shot at once."

On September 25 Field Marshal von der Goltz, military governor of Belgium, issued the following order against such towns as had not been punished on the spot for alleged infractions:

"A list of towns and villages in the vicinity of which attacks have been made on the Germans has been drawn up, and punishment will be visited upon them as soon as any German troops are in their vicinity."

Belgian troops cut the railroad and telegraph lines at L'Yvermoult and at Vertryck and in answer to Field Marshal von der Goltz, in October, issued this order:

"In the future the nearest towns to places where similar acts take place will be punished without mercy, whether or not they may be innocent or guilty. To this end, hostages have been taken from all localities near to which similar attacks may be made and at the first attempt to cut the railroad, telegraph or telephone lines they will be immediately shot."

## LAST CASUALTY LIST

London, Dec. 29.—The following casualties were announced to-night from the headquarters of the expeditionary force:

Killed—Taylor, Capt. H., Scots Guards; Watts, Capt. C. H. R., Northamptonshire Regiment.

Previously reported wounded, now reported killed—Askew, Capt. H. A., Border Regiment.

Died of wounds—Ottley, Lieut. G. C., Scots Guards.

Wounded—Gordon, Lieut. C. F., North Staffordshire Regiment; Henry, Capt. J. W., King's Royal Rifles.

Now reported not wounded—Harvey-Bathurst, Captain, Grenadier Guards.

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B. C. Granulated Sugar, 20-lb. sacks, for . . . . .	\$1.35	Louis Travenne Sardines, large tins, per tin . . . . .	20c
Quaker Brand—		Dry Onions, per sack . . . . .	\$1.65
Tomatoes, per tin . . . . .	10c	Matthew's Pickles, sweet and sour, 8 oz., 2 bottles . . . . .	25c
Corn, per tin . . . . .	10c	Heaton's—	
Peas, per tin . . . . .	10c	White Onions, 19 oz., per bottle . . . . .	20c
String Beans, per tin . . . . .	10c	Chow Chow, 19 oz., per bottle . . . . .	20c
Van Houten's Cocoa, per tin, 25c, 50c and . . . . .	90c	Mixed, 19 oz., per bottle . . . . .	20c
Johnson's Fluid Beef, per bottle . . . . .	90c	Rowat's Walnuts, per bottle . . . . .	20c
Cowan's Cocoa, 12-lb. tin . . . . .	20c	Matthew's—	
Cowan's Bulk Cocoa, per lb. . . . .	20c	Mixed Pickles, 30 oz., per bottle . . . . .	25c
Morton's Potted Meats, 6 tins . . . . .	25c	Chow Chow, 30 oz., per bottle . . . . .	25c
Small White Beans, 4 lbs. . . . .	25c	Noel's Chutney, bottle, 25c, 35c, 50c . . . . .	
Small's Maple Flavor, per bottle . . . . .	20c	Dixi Ceylon Tea, 3 lbs. for . . . . .	\$1.00
Hudson Lye, large tins, 4 for . . . . .	25c	Auburn Creamery Butter, 3 lbs. . . . .	\$1.00
Royal Crown Washing Powder, per packet . . . . .	15c	Local Fresh Eggs, per dozen . . . . .	45c
Domestic Sardines, 6 tins . . . . .	25c	<b>BONBONS MUST GO</b>	
Yellow Hammer—		25c box . . . . .	20c
Peaches, dozen \$2.75; tin . . . . .	25c	35c box . . . . .	25c
Plums, dozen \$2.75; tin . . . . .	25c	50c box . . . . .	35c
Apricots, dozen \$2.75; tin . . . . .	25c	75c box . . . . .	50c
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## RAILWAYS MAY RISE EXPORTED GOODS RATE

Montreal, Dec. 30.—The Canadian railways are considering raising freight rates on goods being exported to the United States by five per cent. early in the new year. This will correspond with the increase of five per cent. sanctioned by the Interstate Commerce Commission for all goods except coal and iron ore exported from the United States into Canada. The latter increase will come into effect on January 15, after ten days' notice has been given, but owing to the Dominion Railway Commission requiring thirty days' notice of any change it is not anticipated that the roads will increase

their charges until the middle of February.

## DUCK HUNTER'S DEATH SUBJECT OF INQUIRY

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—There is to be an official investigation into the shooting of American duck hunters at Erie by Canadian guardsmen, it was announced by Gen. Hughes yesterday. A special commission will conduct the investigation and will start work immediately. Meanwhile the guards concerned in the affair are being detained. Full particulars of the incident have not as yet been received, but it is regarded as a regrettable affair with international significance.

## WAS GIVEN \$1,000 WHEN RELEASED FROM PRISON

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29.—When Orville McManigal, self-confessed dynamiter, was released from prison here, \$1,000 was given him by John D. Fredricks, district attorney, for the purpose of leaving the country. McManigal's testimony was responsible largely for the conviction of the McNamara brothers for the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building.

Praise is a gentle thing, which strengthens more for the bearing of exceptionally heavy burdens, than blame helps in carrying the burdens which are not exceptional.—Ruskin.

He was a pirate hold; he did not look it, but he was. "Sell you some music, sir?" he said, as he entered a tradesman's shop. "Any copy, sir. 'The Old City,' 'Maidie in the Corn,' 'Sing Me to Sleep,' 'The Better Land'—all the latest and best, only two-pence a copy." "No!" snapped the tradesman, "we want no music here." But the pirate, unruffled, was not to be denied. "They're as good as one and four-pennies," he said as he opened his satchel. "I tell you," replied the tradesman bitterly, "we want no music here. We've more to cry about than sing." "Never mind, sir," said the pirate sympathetically, producing a sheet of music. "Here you are, sir—O, dry those tears—only tuppence."

A Manchester professional man was entertaining friends, and at half-past eleven o'clock he excused himself, leaving a bridge team in progress. He had an appointment to go to a round with a police sergeant—part of his training in the duties of the special constables. At half-past one o'clock he and the sergeant were resting in a campless lane near a water reservoir in a southern suburb. A man approached, and the sergeant, with ball's-eye and voice, challenged him. "Been at a bridge party," said the late home-goer. "Where?" asked the sergeant. "At my house," came the reply unexpectedly from behind the sergeant's back. It was one of the special constable's guests going home. Manchester Guardian



# SPORTING NEWS

## SMITH DRAFT MAY CAUSE TROUBLE

### NEW HOCKEY AGREEMENT PROBABLE

Eastern Star Will Not Be Brought to Victoria This Season; Live Hockey Gossip

There is absolutely no truth in the rumor that Tommy Smith, the eastern hockey star, will come to Victoria this season. One rumor going the rounds had it that Smith would arrive here this week and finish out the season with the Victoria club. An official of the Coast league stated last night that the P. C. H. A. will not exercise their draft right with the Coast league one-third over, so that the eastern goal getter will remain with the Ontario.

Smith played with this club at Toronto on Saturday night, despite the fact that he is the property of the Coast league. The Ontario have made Smith's release, and simply played him on their own responsibility. It is likely that there will be a readjustment of the hockey commission between the P. C. H. A. and the N. H. A. next spring. The Coast league has received little benefit from the agreement as it has not secured a single player in the draft because the men refuse to leave the east.

Practices are not so strenuous in the east, according to a letter received from Jack Ulrich, the former Victoria star, who is now with the Wanderers. Ulrich, writing to Pinky Grindle, states that he likes the east and will probably remain there. The eastern sport writers are making quite a fuss over the Silent One, and he looks good to catch a regular place on the Wanderer forward line. Ulrich has the speed, stick handling and weight necessary to the six-man game, so that he ought to make a big hit in Montreal. His lack of hearing will not handicap him to such an extent in the abbreviated style of hockey. Efforts are being made by President Spier, of the Montreal Deaf Mutes, to secure the services of "Silent" Jack Ulrich, the

famous player of the Wanderers, to coach the Beaver players.

Donald Smith, of Canadens, had his nose broken in practice. Pitre and Gardner are also on the injured list.

Clause 9 in the players' contracts of the National Hockey association reads: "The player will not, either during the playing season or before the commencement or after the close thereof, participate in any exhibition hockey games, indoor baseball, basketball or football, unless the written consent of the club has been first given to him." The object is to keep the player on receiving injury off the ice. As professionals, however, they have little chance of engaging in baseball or football matches. The hockey clubs place a value on their players the same as the baseball clubs, and practically every player in the N. H. A. is insured by his club.

When Canadens play in Ottawa, General Manager Kennedy wants to put an entirely new team on the ice to start the third period, providing Ottawa will do the same.

"Will you take of Vesina, too?" inquired Shag.

"Sure," said Manager Kennedy. "Then you take off your whole team right there," said Shaughnessy.

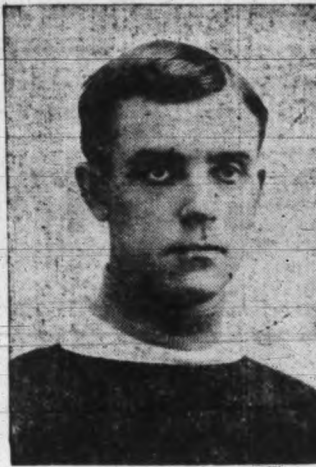
Both teams have lots of material to do it. Shaughnessy says his second team is beating the first regularly, and that hockey players are so plentiful in the capital that he has to post a notice to keep them out of the training room.

**P. C. H. A. Standing.**

Team	Games	Goals	Won	Lost	For	Agst.
Vancouver	4	0	21	12	17	17
Portland	2	2	22	17	17	17
Vancouver	0	4	11	25	25	25

Toronto, Dec. 30.—There appears some kind of a hitch in the Lesueur-Lake deal between Ontario and Canadens, as Lesueur has not been able to get leave of absence. Lake did not go to Quebec with the Ottawa Saturday night and is still unsigned. The Ontario have decided to retain Roman and will pay cash for him or give Sammy Hebert in exchange.

## BACK IN FORM



BERT LINDSAY

Victoria net guard, who is playing brilliant hockey in the nets for the Victoria club. Lindsay's saves last night bordered on the sensational in the first two periods.

## WILHOIT MAY JUMP TO STOVAL'S FEDS

Former Victoria Star in Demand; Recruit Twirlers Shone in Major Leagues

George Stoval is trying to land a few of the stars who are playing in the Imperial Valley winter league. Current report has it that Joe Wilhoit, the young Venice outfielder, is likely to go to the Federals.

Many recruits have made sensational showings with the various major league regular club this season. Brooklyn, in the National league, are said by eastern critics to have the sensation of the 1914 season in big Pfeffer, a right-hander, standing over six feet and weighing in the neighborhood of 200 pounds. Despite Brooklyn's position in the league, this big fellow won two thirds of his games. St. Louis have uncovered a whirlwind hurler in Bill Dook. He ranks up with Rudolph and James for the pitching honors of the National league. Marmax, a 19-year-old school boy, signed by Pittsburgh, lost but one game in five starts. He is said to be the making of a grand pitcher, and Fred Clarke will not work him regular until next season.

Bill James, in 1912 with Seattle, is another 1914 sensation. Big Bill was the leading pitcher of the National league, and also once quote him a brilliant career. He along with Rudolph and Tyler are the three Boston "iron men." He landed a berth with the Braves in 1912, but until this season never shone. Mayer is Philadelphia's leading hurler. He has not shone until this season, and should be a real winner next year.

Phil Douglas, who was drafted by Cincinnati from Spokane, was a winning pitcher with the Reds this year. Gigantic Phil had a tryout with the White Sox a few seasons back, but could not get control, but this season with Cincinnati he is working well. New York did not give their two recruits, Shauer or Schupp, a tryout. While Zabel, the only Chicago recruit, has had but few chances to make good, he won three victories and suffered four reverses.

Of American league recruits Bressler, of Philadelphia, is the shining star. Connie Mack's youngster was successful in nearly all of his starts. Wolfgang, Chicago's tiny pitcher, has done great work for the White Sox, although poorly supported by his team mates. Bill James, secured by St. Louis from Portland, twirled winning ball for the Browns. James was a star with McCredie last season, and upon joining the Browns made good from the start. Ayres, Shaw and Bentley worked well for Washington. Ayres has a better average than his two mate pitchers, but this trio are making good under Clark Griffith. Shore, whom Boston purchased from the International league, is one of the leading pitchers in the American league, while Reynolds, with Detroit, is another youngster making his debut in the big show. His work has been sensational, he meeting with but one defeat all season.

Northwestern Changes.

Doty, Vancouver, sold to Cleveland Americans.  
Harstad, Vancouver, sold to Cleveland Americans.  
Schneider, Seattle, sold to Cincinnati Nationals.  
Holke, Spokane, sold to New York Nationals.  
McMullin, Tacoma, sold to Detroit Americans.  
Gipe, Seattle, drafted by New York Nationals.  
Steele, Victoria, drafted by St. Louis Nationals.  
Dell, Seattle, drafted by Brooklyn Nationals.  
Wilhoit, Victoria, recalled by Venice Coastiers.  
Hoffman and Calvo, Victoria, recalled by Los Angeles Coastiers.  
McGinnity, Tacoma, sold to Venice Coastiers.  
Coveleskie, Spokane, and Noyes, Spokane, drafted by Coast clubs (not yet announced).

## FIGHT MAY BE OPENED BY SOCCER AUTHORITIES AGAINST AMATEUR UNION

Ontario Reinstatement Causing Trouble; Great Interest in Vancouver-Victoria Holiday Match

Montreal, Dec. 30.—It looks very much, if correctly reported, that President Thomas Boyd, of the A. A. U., has anticipated the stand his committee will take at the forthcoming meeting with the Dominion Football Association's representatives. The two committees will meet this week to discuss the possibility of an alliance. The whole matter hinges around the Soccer people's action in reinstating about sixty professionals in Quebec and Ontario, and the full intention of the D. F. A. to keep them in good standing as far as soccer is concerned. President Boyd is known to be very strong on the amateur question, and is quoted as saying, "Once a professional, always a professional, will be the rule."

Very Severe

Men who play with or against professionals will have to apply to the national registration board. This means that cases cannot be dealt with by the provincial registration committees, and will prevent any influence being used to have certain men reinstated.

If this is an A. A. U. ultimatum, then the prospect of an agreement is rather remote. But, on the other hand, there are strong influences at work to bring about peace between the two bodies. President Bailey Fisher, of the D. F. A., is very hopeful, and has appointed Harry Foster and W. S. Metcalfe, both of Winnipeg, to act with himself to represent the soccer side. For the A. A. U., H. Russell, president of the Manitoba branch, will lead his committee. The result is awaited with interest, as it primarily affects men in Toronto, who have played against these reinstated pros, and now want to turn out for hockey.

If the negotiations fall soccer men say it may be years before another attempt is made to bring about an agreement with the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada.

Soccer enthusiasts will be treated to a real thrilling brand of soccer when Victoria and Vancouver meet New Year's Day at the Royal Athletic park. Vancouver have selected a snappy eleven and expect to win from the home-brews. There is severe criticism as to the selection of the Victoria team. Many players who starred in previous inter-city clashes failed to catch a place on the New Year's Day team.

Four stars who deserved positions on the lineup were Hines, Baker, Pettit and Sheriff. When Victoria met Seattle recently Hines and Baker were responsible for the local victory. These players either netted the Victoria goals or were responsible for the tallies. The lineup chosen does not seem to be an all-star selection.

Providing the weather is favorable a bumper crowd is anticipated, this being the only New Year's Day attraction. A number of Vancouver supporters will accompany the team over.

The following team will represent Victoria: Goal, Shrimpton (Thistles); backs, Whyte (Westies), and Taylor (Thistles); halves, Niven (Jacksons), Adams (Thistles), Allen (Jacksons), forwards, Kerley (Jacksons), Nichol (Jacksons), Pickering (Thistles), Muir (Thistles), Clarkson (Jacksons), Reeves, Sheriff (Jacksons), Blendall (Jacksons), and Ingles (Thistles), Referee, Allen.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAMS HAVE STARTED SEASON

Eight teams have entered the Sunday School Basketball League, the teams being: Fairfields, Metropolitan, First Baptist, Knox Presbyterian, Congregational, Centennials, James Bays and Belmonts. A new schedule will be drawn up and the three games that have been played to date will be allowed to stand. On Saturday, January 9, there will be a double header at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, Congregational and James Bays meeting, while Centennials play Belmonts. There will be five games played every week, one on Tuesday night at 6.15, with double header on Thursday and Saturday nights at 8.15.

Tommy Dunderdale is still the same deceptive stick handler, but he has lost some of his speed.

The locals should have scored half-a-dozen goals in the first period.

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J. T. Hewitt, sporting editor of the Vancouver Province, viewed the game.

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Joe McGinnity is selling his Tacoma club to a stock company. Russ Hall will be retained as manager.

Jack Johnson is said to be broke and willing to fight anyone provided the purse is tempting enough.

## CORBETT BUYS STOCK IN TACOMA CLUB

Tacoma, Dec. 30.—James J. Corbett yesterday bought the first share of the stock in the newly-organized baseball company which will operate the Tacoma franchise in the Northwest league in 1915. Joe McGinnity is an old friend of Corbett. Yesterday, when he heard that McGinnity was organizing a stock company, Corbett declared that he wanted to be the first purchaser of stock. McGinnity was found and Secretary Redpath inscribed the name of James J. Corbett, of New York, as the first owner of stock in the company.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Monarchs defeated the Winnipeggers by 10 to 4 in a fast hockey game here last night.

## SPORTING GOSSIP

It was a tough game to lose.

This boy McKay is surely making good.

Victoria showed a complete return to form.

Vancouver expect to win Friday's inter-city soccer clash.

Hines and Petticrew might have been chosen for that All-Star Victoria eleven.

Skinner Poulin is rounding into that aggressive little pepper-box of old.

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## JEWELLERS BEATEN IN JIM JOHN CLASH

Shirley and Barton Are Leading Pin Smashers in City Bowling League

A very exciting four-man Jim John match was rolled at the Arcade alleys last night between the Shortt, Hill & Duncan club and the Arcade alley team. The latter won two out of the three games. The scores:

Player	Score
Shortt, Hill & Duncan	77 65 78
Alding	64 102 83
Huxtable	78 116 68
Hulbig	83 75 65
Total	302 358 294

Total, 954. Alley Team.

Patterson ..... 75 67 52

Hillingsley ..... 54 95 103

Fox ..... 101 103 84

Hartley ..... 77 85 73

Total, 359.

City league bowling averages, Dec. 29:

Name	Team	Games	Pin.	Ave.
S. Silvely	Wholesalers	23	580	175
O. Barton	S. H. & D.	33	566	171
W. Morton	Ramblers	23	560	169
W. Profit	Ramblers	24	549	168
F. Handley	Ramblers	42	587	166
B. Poe	Elks' club	29	543	165
G. Alexander	Outlaws	6	294	165
G. Childs	Ramblers	15	244	163
N. Peters	Wholesalers	39	611	161
G. Miller	S. H. & D.	36	582	161
D. Kennedy	Ramblers	36	575	160
C. Brooks	Ramblers	21	335	157
H. Fortin	Ramblers	9	1404	156
J. Huxtable	S. H. & D.	24	373	155
H. Reilly	Elks' club	33	5106	154
F. Hulbig	Wholesalers	42	6428	153
H. Rolland	Wholesalers	24	3677	153
Hillingsley	Outlaws	26	4489	152
O. Paint	Elks' club	32	4867	152
W. Murray	Wholesalers	39	5943	152
Aldridge	S. H. & D.	35	5355	151
A. Patterson	Outlaws	33	5062	151
H. Aaronson	Wholesalers	9	1264	151
G. Procknow	Outlaws	33	4932	150
R. Bower	S. H. & D.	36	3556	149
Geo. Pirie	Wholesalers	12	1799	149
S. Patterson	Outlaws	24	3515	146
Geo. Farr	Elks' club	23	4487	135

League Standing.

Team	Won	Lost	Played	Pct.
Ramblers	31	11	42	.738
Wholesalers	26	16	42	.619
S. H. & D.	16	30	46	.440
Outlaws	19	29	48	.393
Elks' club	12	19	30	.333

## WHITE BEATEN.

New York, Dec. 30.—Joe Shugrue, of Jersey City, outfought Charlie White, of Chicago, in a ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden last night. Shugrue had the better of seven rounds.

(Additional sporting news on page 11.)

## BEATEN IN OVERTIME

Victoria. Position. Vancouver.

Lindsay ..... goal ..... Lehman

Genze ..... point ..... Cook

Patrick ..... cover ..... Grindle

Poulin ..... governor ..... Taylor

Dugdale ..... centre ..... McKay

Malen ..... right wing ..... Malen

Small ..... left wing ..... Nighers

Substitutes, Small for Victoria.

Referee, F. Ions, Vancouver. Judge of play, T. Phillips, Vancouver. Timers, F. Patrick, Vancouver; W. H. Wilkerson, Victoria. Umpires, C. Burnett and R. Morris, Victoria.

Summary.

1. Victoria, Kerr, 11.3.

2. Victoria, Kerr, 6.32.

3. Vancouver, McKay, 9.23.

4. Vancouver, McKay, 35 sec.

5. Vancouver, Taylor, 2.00.

6. Victoria, Patrick, 2.30.

7. Vancouver, McKay, 12.06.

Penalties.

Malen, 3. 3. 3; Poulin, 3; Nighers, 3; Taylor, 3; McKay, 3; Genze, 3; Rowe, 3; Dugdale, 3. Totals: Vancouver, 18 minutes; Victoria, 12 minutes.

## REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Here's a Real Case of Unsportsmanlike Hockey.

Kicking Skinner Poulin when the latter lay prone on the ice with his skates was the "clever" stunt that Kenny Malen pulled off in the overtime of last night's game at the Arena. Poulin had brought Malen to the ice with a body check near the boards, and the latter, when he fell, started to dig at Poulin with his steel skid-shoofs. The officials grabbed the pair and shoved 'em to the penalty bench, when in reality Malen should have had a severe fine also tacked on for his "inside" tactics. The Coast league officials are doing all in their power to give the fans real clean hockey, and here is an incident where they might tack a stiff fine into Malen and at the same time set a precedent that will deter this player from resorting to like tactics in the future.

Jones Still Figuring on Lacrosse Next Summer.

According to a Vancouver Sport writer who was here yesterday, Con. Jones will again break into lacrosse next season. Con feels that the time is ripe to start our national game going once more, and he figures that by getting the players cheap and offering the public cheap lacrosse that he can work up considerable interest in Vancouver and Victoria. Jones says that the patriotic spirit which is sweeping over the Dominion will help the game, and as the players have come down off their record-breaking salaries attitude, the Vancouver mogul looks for a successful season.

Crescent City in Calcium Once More.

Now that the voters have vanished pugilism from the state of California, where for years past the boxing game had enjoyed a lively and profitable existence, promoters of fistic contests, particularly those of championship calibre, must turn south to Louisiana, as the only state in the union where ring titles, in any class, may be lost or won. Great ring battles have been brought to successful as well as surprising issues in the Pelican state, and ring history is featured with many interesting chapters of star bouts which were decided in the vicinity of New Orleans. Once more the Crescent City bids fare to blaze in the limelight as a centre of stirring sporting events, and there may be a revival of the famous gatherings of sport lovers which crowded the hostelerias in that city a quarter of a century ago.

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#### ARCHBISHOP AND HUN.

To the Editor: It is pleasing to your humble servant and to every moderately intelligent man in the street to know that neither millionaires nor archbishops know one whit more than they do about the great bandit who painted Europe red and robbed a gallant young king who is in every way his superior. To find the real character of this kaiser (or criminal) and his blood-hounds, speak to any of the multitudes he has ruined and driven from their homes and country. They weigh in the balance what they tell you against that unexplained mystery referred to by the Archbishop of York, that took place when the world was at peace.

GROUCHER.

#### PATRIOTISM AND UNEMPLOYED.

To the Editor:—It seems a strange state of affairs when Mr. Bagshawe in his letter of the 28th December should have to appeal to those who have offered their lives to protect their country to subscribe to a fund for the unemployed. Is it not the business of all of us who are not giving our lives to protect the country to give what money we can spare, if need be, to keep conditions here as normal as possible? No doubt most of those out of employment for whom the fund is in existence, are British subjects who would much prefer earning their living to receiving charity, whilst many of those in employment are not British subjects, and have no very great stake in the country and a large part of their money out of the country, which is one of the causes of unemployment here.

W. H. HAMERLEY.

Westholme, B. C., Dec. 28.

#### DRASTIC IDEAS.

To the Editor:—I notice in the daily paper an appeal to the soldiers, from Mr. Bagshawe, to assist in a fund to support needy cases in our midst. If Mr. Bagshawe would petition the provincial government, to assist, by paying off some of the fat salaries paid to certain officials, viz., Engineer of Strathcona park, with several others, also the council to disburse with salaries paid, mayor, aldermen and travelling expenses of industrial commissioner Cuthbert, it would be something worth supporting. Mr. Bagshawe must remember that the soldiers are mostly married men with large families, and I know for a fact a number of the unmarried men have mothers, sisters and young brothers to support in most cases. I regret to say this awful war has been a blessing in disguise, as in Canada generally the list of unemployed circumstances, not caused by the war, has been almost beyond imagination. There are scores of old wealthy Victorian people who could, if they chose, swell the contributions monthly, and never feel it, without Mr. Bagshawe or any one else applying to the soldiers.

A SOLDIER'S SISTER.

#### FUTURE OF VICTORIA.

To the Editor:—As a large taxpayer I have been greatly interested in the correspondence carried on in the public press on the subject of reducing civic expenditures. It seems to me so absolutely necessary that I cannot understand how anyone can advocate any other course, or how they can fail to see that what is wanted is not a slight reduction, but a heavy cut. The various writers have referred to the school and sanitary departments. May I be permitted to call attention to civic expenditures? These, including mayor, council and civic salaries, have grown as follows:

Year	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914
Amount	\$24,750	\$24,940	\$45,065	\$55,510	\$62,097

In view of such an enormous increase it is surely time to revive the proposal on which the public understood the council was agreed two months ago, viz., to reduce civic salaries, somewhat on the scale of the Vancouver reduction, which ranges from 10 to 25 per cent. Personally I think the mayor and aldermen should be patriotic enough to lead the way. The mayor could manage for 1915 with the old salary of \$2,000, and for one year the aldermen could well afford to emulate the example of their confreres in the old country, and accept no pay for public services. This was done, I believe it would be so popular a move that there would be no civic election this year and that expenditure would be saved.

H. E. LEVY.

#### PUBLICITY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

To the Editor: I read with interest your account of the discussion at the council board of matters pertaining to the Victoria and Island Development Association. Alderman Okell says he "cannot understand why there is a certain amount of antagonism to the association, or more properly against the incumbent of the office of commissioner." The alderman is quite wrong in supposing that the criticism of his appointment is due to antagonism against Mr. Cuthbert personally, but the opinion appears to be very general that neither Mr. Cuthbert nor any other man, however able, could possibly produce results commensurate with the great expense. There has been much talk of getting up a petition to the council to abolish this office, and the agitators have not been working men, as Ald. Okell supposes. I have heard possibly one hundred men express their opinions on this matter, and they seem to be all of one mind that the appointment of a commissioner was unnecessary, and almost an absolute waste of public funds, and of all these men not one is a laboring man. It has now been decided to try to secure as aldermen for the next council

only men who will be favorable to retrenchment in every possible way, and each candidate will be asked the question, "If elected, will you strive for the abolishment of the office of industrial commissioner, and the closing of the office of the Victoria and Island Development Association?" It seems more than probable that only those candidates who answer this question in the affirmative will have any chance of election.

"DOMINE, DIRIGE NOS," Dec. 29.

## RUSSIAN AUTOCRACY THE BLIGHT OF THE COUNTRY

Hunnish Boorishness Offends All Brought In Contact With It.

(By Sidney Whitman.)

Autocratic governments depend for success upon the character and capacity of the ruling autocrat. This truth has been strikingly illustrated in the case of the Hohenzollern. Three times within little more than a century the very existence of the country over which they rule has been jeopardized by the weak character of the man upon the throne. Frederick the Great himself crystallized the danger which besets autocracy when during his last illness he exclaimed, "I am tired of ruling over slaves!" All his genius and capacity had not been able to rear free men, but had produced a nation of automata, slavishly obedient to orders. The process has been renewed in our own generation.

The nature as well as the limitations of the Hohenzollern rule are pitifully summarized in a letter addressed to me by Count Moltke shortly after the present German emperor had come to the throne (January 21, 1888):

"There can be no doubt that every state requires a government suited to its individual idiosyncrasies. A constitution like that of England, secure through her geographical position—a constitution gradually developed out of the character of the nation—could never be transferred to the continent of Europe. . . . Germany, on the other hand, only so recently united as an empire, is an intruder, a parvenu in the family of European states. Hemmed in between mighty neighbors, we are of opinion that we require a strong monarchy."

Moltke was a man of too high mind to mean "strong" in the sense of autocratic dominion. His idea of strength lay in character, in the wisdom which attracts to itself wise and independent counselors and surrounds itself by knowledge and capacity.

In this light, how do matters stand with Kaiser Wilhelm?

It has long been an open secret that the whole plan of the emperor's education from the start under the parental roof, including his stay at the Cassel gymnasium, was a failure. But the most fatal incident of all was his period at Bonn and the infatuation which he imbibed from the tenets, conduct and objectionable manners of the aristocratic corps student at that seat of learning. This class is entirely out of touch with the prevailing manners of our time, and its typical representatives are remarkably deficient in those physical distinctions which mark the upper classes in nearly every other country.

Few things have had such a pernicious effect on new Germany as this ill-starred influence; for it is largely responsible for the great preference shown to a most arrogant caste in the bestowing of important appointments. It is responsible also for the coarsening of manners in German diplomacy, bureaucracy and the army.

To the German aristocratic corps student and the favor he enjoyed under William may be ascribed the phenomenon, unique in the history of the world, of coarseness and vulgarity being inoculated from above upon a whole people. Not even the licentious times of Charles II. and Louis XIV. and XV. afford a parallel. The evil influences of student days were further accentuated in later life by those of the barracks and of the Berlin parvenu, whose idiosyncrasies are known wherever the German language is spoken under the terms of the schodrig (fat tongue) Berlin. One of the beneficial results of the present war for Germany would be to relegate these types to the obscurity from which they should never have emerged.

If I insist upon the importance of this educational influence it is partly because the manner of education is more important to Germany, and more particularly to Prussia, than it could be to any other European community. The Italian, the Frenchman, the Spaniard, have a certain sense of natural tact bred in them from the nursery, transmitted through many generations; whereas the Germans, according to Goethe, have no national drama because they have never had a national society and did not possess a national code of manners. They have acquired with the advent of the empire, "ready made," so to speak, like a new suit at a "bespoke tailor's." Moltke's allusion to Germany as he parvenu among nations is not without its application in the social sphere also.

When the present emperor grew up to manhood the seeds of megalomania, one of the most dangerous rocks to any kind of character or intellect, may be said to have been in the air. His generation was too young to have had actual experience of the moral qualities of hard work, a life of severe frugality and constant self-denial, which had fitted their fathers for their task. Prof. Hans Delbrück in his reminiscences of the time when he was tutor to the younger brother of the present Emperor, Prince Waldemar, relates that on one occasion when he was describing to his pupil the vast extent of the British Empire the latter interjected, "But we have more soldiers than England." It was an interesting thought that it had come into what Bismarck pitifully described as a rich inheritance. They had only to receive, preside over and command the vast organization fashioned by their fathers and grandfathers.

A signal instance of this domineering spirit of command is to be found in the present Emperor's brutal apostrophe to Bismarck during an altercation immediately preceding the latter's dismissal. The Emperor had endeavored

to put certain restrictions on Bismarck with regard to the people he was to receive at his house, a form of interference the prince would not submit to.

"And what if I command you to do so?" the Emperor excitedly exclaimed.

"My sovereign's power to command stops short at the threshold of my wife's drawing-room," retorted the outraged statesman. Bismarck was not to be terrorized by this man in 1890 any more than in Europe in 1914.

Another factor in the national change of character which should be taken into account was the nervous tension under which the nation had lain during the great struggles of the previous generation. This tension was transmitted from the parents to the offspring and may in some degree account for the abnormal number of "generations" of all descriptions among the upper classes, whose doings have found such extraordinary publicity in the criminal law courts in our time. The atmosphere of the period, the jubilant state of the public mind, the sudden influx of money and the means of indulging in high living unknown to Germany before had an extraordinary effect upon the more excitable and impressionable youths of whom the present Emperor was a representative type.

The discipline of education, both in school and in the universities, was loosened, and license, boasting and drinking bouts became the rule. It was at this time that the present Emperor attended the University of Bonn and became enamored of the spirit prevailing among the aristocratic rowdy section of the corps student at that seat of learning. The partiality he then manifested has resulted in his favoring this particular class with high appointments throughout his reign and has developed a distinct type, with crooked heads, truculent voices and aggressive mien, which has made Prussian manners a byword in diplomatic society in every capital of Europe.

The prevailing temper, which was built on victory and was regarded with good natured tolerance in England, America and elsewhere as the exuberance of a people just bursting into a world strange to themselves, became an intoxication until aristocratic youth believed that there was no liberty and no license which was not permitted to it. I have known army officers of old families who, when the bill was presented to them in Homberg for a luxurious dinner which they themselves had ordered, apostrophized the waiter in a tone of thunder, "How dare you charge Prussian officers such prices?"

Many are the well-authenticated instances of disgraceful conduct toward the British royal family during the reign of this delirium of unrestrained license on the part of the master and his satellites. They filled King Edward's mind with anxiety for the future.

The last time the emperor came to England prior to the death of Queen Victoria, was not the outcome of an invitation given to him but in consequence of a wish expressed by him that he might be invited. The Prince of Wales sent a verbal unofficial private message through a friend to Berlin to the following effect: "Tell him that my mother's precarious state of health precludes her being able to entertain him, but I will do all in my power to make him welcome and his stay a pleasant one. There is only one favor I would ask, and this is that he shall not bring Admiral von Soden Bilran with him, for I have heard on good authority that he has spoken most disrespectfully of me."

This message was faithfully delivered, but when the emperor arrived with his retinue of sixty Admiral von Soden Bilran was conspicuous among them. The large number of the emperor's suite on this, as well as on other occasions, outran the accommodation of Windsor Castle and several gentlemen had to be content with being lodged at Frogmore or elsewhere. This again gave rise to some ill-natured gossip, which being subsequently brought to the ears of King Edward, caused him to exclaim:

"We can get on with the Russians, the Japanese, in short with everybody, but these people are simply impossible."

In every department of government Germany, under the direct personal influence and inspiration of the emperor, has deserted the influence which made it great, and fed by flatterers and sycophants, has given rein to an overwhelming vanity which has dreamed of a world empire, based on an overpowering fleet, sedulously fostered by the emperor, has been the latest manifestation of the new spirit in Prussia—a spirit which has led to contemptuous references to the "tame" English, the corrupt Russian, to the overweening boast of confidence of Prussian victory in a war on two fronts, to the dream of annihilating France, to jeers at the pretensions of the United States and mocking reference to her preposterous Monroe Doctrine. The Emperor William has fostered and added fuel to that spirit of bragadocio which has led the German nation to believe that its destiny is to stand supreme in the world, surrounded by humbled and subservient neighbors living on the sufferance of the autocrats of Berlin.

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### A Few of Our Ladies' Lines

Reg. \$5 and \$6. **\$2.45**

Ladies' Buttoned and Lace Boots, patent leather and velour calf, E. P. Reed and Cross makes; small and large sizes; regular \$5.00 and \$6.00 values. Sale price, per pair **\$2.45**

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Reg. to \$7.50. **\$3.95**

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Reg. \$5.00. **\$1.65**

Evening Pumps in colored satins; values to \$5.00. Sale price **\$1.65**  
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Men's Box Calf Leather Lined Bluchers, heavy, durable sole, welted, all sizes; values to \$5.00 and \$5.50. Sale price **\$3.35**

Nettleton's, Reg. \$8.00 and \$8.50, for

**\$6.35**

Nettleton's Boots for

men, Kermit last, black and tan Russian calf Bluchers; regular \$8.00 to \$8.50 values. Sale price **\$6.35**



Values to \$6.50. **\$3.85**

Men's Tan and Black Calf Boots, buttoned and Blucher, all sizes; values to \$6.50. Sale price **\$3.85**

Skating Boots. **\$2.50**

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# SPORTING NEWS

(CONTINUED)

## FOURTH DEFEAT FOR P. C. H. A. CHAMPIONS

McKay Stars in Vancouver Victory at Arena; Locals Put Up Game Fight

Winding his way through the weak-  
ness of the defence after twelve  
minutes of the most sensational over-  
time, hockey, Micky McKay, Vancou-  
ver Boundary league recruit, scored  
the winning goal at the arena last  
night, Victoria losing 4 to 2. It was the  
fourth straight win for the Vancouver  
septette and they appear headed for the  
Patterson cup, while Victoria will have  
to perform a miracle if they can keep  
in the running for the P. C. H. A.  
championship. It was a gruelling con-  
test and the superior condition of the  
mainland septette gave them the edge  
in the extra play, the old goal coming  
at a period when the Victoria defence  
had been drawn out and Lindsay had  
no chance to block McKay's pretty ef-  
fort.

Two thousand fans witnessed the  
clash and they were given a startling  
display of hockey, the champions com-  
ing back with a vengeance while the  
Territorial lived up to their press re-  
ports. Victoria should have won with-  
out the regulation three periods, the  
locals having a comfortable shade on  
the visitors for the sixty minutes play.  
Lindsay's wonderful goal-keeping and  
the unfortunate failure of the officials  
to call a glaring offense that gave Van-  
couver their first goal, being the break-  
down in the game. It was a rough  
game to lose as the Senators were  
counting on this game to put them  
back in the running. More than  
that, they looked to have the contest  
packed away and their momentary let-  
up in the second period, when Vancou-  
ver rushed through a brace of tallies,  
cost them the victory.

Little more could have been asked for  
than the bluff of hockey that the Vic-  
toria club displayed in the opening  
period, the team checking the "pop" out  
of the Vancouver forwards, while they  
chalked up a pair of goals. Double  
Kerr netting both of these tallies. The  
first came from a pretty rush with  
Poulin, the latter slapping the dis-  
cuss when right on top of Lindsay,  
while a nice play on Dunderdale's re-  
bound gave Victoria their second goal.  
Vancouver was distinctly out played in  
this session, Victoria simply pouring in  
shots upon Lindsay, the latter having  
hockey shoes in tagging some of the  
drives at his citadel.

Failure to pass the puck at the start  
of the second period cost Victoria a  
goal or two, while Vancouver improved  
in their attack. Taylor swept up the  
ice and slipped the puck over to Mc-  
Kay for the first goal, McKay swoop-  
ing down for a rebound goal less than  
a minute later. In the third period  
Cyclone Taylor banged a long shot past  
Lindsay for the goal that gave them the  
lead, Vancouver holding this ad-  
vantage till within three minutes of the  
expiration of full time when Lester  
Patrick went through with Dunderdale  
and scored, drawing Lindsay out of his  
net. The winning goal fell to McKay,  
the players being badly tired at the  
close.

There was a noticeable improvement in  
the combination of the Victoria for-  
wards, while they helped out their de-  
fence much better than in the previous  
games. Their one big failing was in  
striking to their men and this cost  
them the game in the overtime. The  
locals missed opportunities galore in  
the first part of the game, their shoot-  
ing when close in on the nets being  
very poor. Kerr was the pick of the  
line, uncovering a real classy article of  
hockey, with Poulin close on his heels.  
Lindsay blocked a thousand shots and  
George's work was also an improvement.  
Rowe and Small alternated at right  
wing, Dunderdale finishing strong.  
Lester Patrick started well but tired  
towards the end.

McKay and Taylor served up a won-  
derful brand of hockey for Vancouver,  
contributing all of the Terminal goals.  
Neighbors' hook check was working to  
perfection, while Cook and Griffiths gave  
Lindsay a world of protection. The  
team looks well balanced with Kenny  
Mullen the weak link. Combination and  
back checking is the strong point of  
this club, while they are also strong on  
condition.

## INTERMEDIATE TEAM HAS BEEN CHOSEN

Following is the All-Star intermediate  
team to meet the Bays at Oak Bay on  
Saturday afternoon, the game starting at  
3 o'clock. Full back, Hickey (McGill);  
three-quarters, Dickson (Central school);  
Kilpatrick (captain), Stanley (University);  
Cutler (McGill); halves, Gordon and  
Duffy (McGill); forwards, Copas (vice-  
capt.), Sprinkling, Fraser (High school),  
Baker, Tomin (University), O'Keefe,  
Kroeger (4th Regiment), wing forward,  
McIvor (McGill); Reserves: Backs,  
Hudson (High school), Casey (4th Regi-  
ment); forwards, Jones (McGill), Taylor,  
Gibb (Regiment). The intermediates will  
play in McGill colors.

"Well, my dear," said a prim maiden  
aunt to her nephew just home from  
school, "what languages have you de-  
cided to take up?" "I have decided to  
take up Finnish," he replied. "Finnish?"  
said his pious aunt. "Why Finnish?"  
"Only a few words of it are known!"  
said he.

Chairman (at friendly gathering,  
proposing toast of the performers):  
"All the artists have given their ser-  
vices free, and I think you'll agree  
with me, gentlemen, that the laborers  
are worthy of their hire."

## VANCOUVER RECRUIT



LLOYD COOK

Former Tabor amateur, who is playing  
spectacular game on the Vancouver  
defence. Cook should star in profes-  
sional hockey this season.

## WINNERS IN SPORT DURING PAST SEASON

Polo.  
World's champions—Hurlingham club,  
England.  
Lawn Tennis.  
World's champions—A. F. Wilding and  
N. E. Brookes, Australia.  
Boxing.  
World's lightweight champion—Freddie  
Welsh, Wales.  
Canadian lightweight champion—Charley  
Burns, Vancouver.  
American lightweight champion—Char-  
ley White, Chicago.  
Rowing.  
World's champion professional—Ernest  
Harry, England.  
Champion amateur sculler of America—  
R. Dibble, Toronto.  
N. P. A. A. O. singles—W. N. Kennedy,  
Victoria.  
Court Tennis.  
World's champion—Jay Gould, New  
York.  
Football.  
American champions—Harvard Univer-  
sity.  
English cup winners—Burnley.  
Eastern Canadian champions—Toronto  
Argonauts.  
Pacific Coast Canadian champions—  
Vancouver.  
McBride shield—North Wards, Victoria.  
McKechnie cup holders—Victoria.  
Lacrosse.  
World's champions (professional)—New  
Westminster, B. C.  
World's champions (amateur)—Vancou-  
ver, B. C.  
Baseball.  
World's champions—The Boston Braves.  
National league champions—Boston  
Braves.  
American league champions—The Phila-  
delphia Athletics.  
Champion batsman, National league—  
Jake Daubert.  
Champion batsman, American league—  
Ty Cobb.  
Northwestern league champions—Van-  
couver.  
Hockey.  
World's champions (professional)—To-  
ronto, Ont.  
Pacific Coast champions (professional)—  
Victoria, B. C.  
World's amateur champions—Regina,  
Sask.  
Golf.  
World's amateur champion—John Gra-  
ham, Jr., England.  
American champion—Francis Guinet.  
Automobiling.  
World's record holder—Eddie Pullen,  
America.  
Harness Horse.  
World's champion pacer—James Butler's  
Directum I.  
Billiards, 181 and 182 ball line—William  
Hoppe.  
Pool champion—Benry Allen.  
Racquets.  
National amateur champion—Lawrence  
Waterbury.  
World's professional champion—Jock  
Soutar.  
Turf.  
Champion horse—Roamer.  
Court Tennis.  
National champion—Jay Gould.  
National doubles champions—Jay Gould  
and W. H. T. Huhn.  
Cycling.  
National amateur champion—E. Kaiser.  
National professional champion—Frank  
L. Kramer.  
Six-day race record holders—Alfred  
Goulet and Alfred Grenda.  
Yacating.  
National champion—Resolute.  
Boxing.  
World's lightweight champion—Freddie  
Welsh.  
Swimming.  
Long-distance champion—George  
Meehan.  
British Columbia ladies' champion—  
Madge Griffin, Victoria.  
Coast Cricket.  
Cowichan C. C.  
There has been a constant and inter-  
esting shifting, since the two recent Bu-  
lgarian wars, of the population of the var-  
ious territories affected. For instance,  
the Greeks are migrating from Asia  
Minor and Thrace into "New Greece."  
The Turks from what was formerly  
European Turkey to Constantinople and  
Asia Minor, and the Bulgars to "New  
Bulgaria" from contiguous Greek, Tur-  
kish or Servian territories.

## A VIVID PICTURE OF MODERN WARFARE

British Officer Describes Con-  
ditions Under Which Rival  
Armies Are Fighting

An officer attached to the King's  
Shropshire Light Infantry writes as  
follows:  
The position is like this. In front,  
about 800 yards away, are our trenches;  
those of my own regiment on the left  
and those of the next regiment on the  
line on the right of a railway that  
trenches are beyond ours—in places  
only 400 yards beyond. Our guns are  
behind us and those of the enemy be-  
hind their trenches. The guns try and  
locate each other's batteries, and also  
try to shell each other's trenches. The  
German guns are heavier than ours,  
but lately we have brought up some  
huge big ones. I saw a battery of  
them on the way up, and they were in-  
deed great. They have been firing less  
now for the last two days and the Ger-  
man gun-fire is appreciably less than  
before they arrived.  
The country is quite flat and very  
closely cultivated; it looks like allot-  
ment ground at home, with lots of  
smallholders' cottages and some big  
farms and nice little villages and large  
factories closely packed into it. It  
reminds me a little of parts of Cam-  
bridgeshire, except that it is most  
closely cultivated and densely inhabit-

ed. The soil is a heavy, sticky clay,  
and there are big ditches everywhere.  
The weather has been beautifully fine  
and warm, the most wonderful Novem-  
ber I have ever known.

My regiment has a very good posi-  
tion and has only had about a dozen  
wounded since I have been with them,  
i.e., in five days. The regiment on the  
right have had a very bad time. They  
hold a village, and the Germans have  
been shelling them unmercifully. Their  
big guns, or "Jack Johnsons," send  
shells that shake this farm and make  
all the windows rattle, and this when  
they are bursting 800 yards away at  
least. What it must be like in that  
village, God only knows! At times,  
after the enemy have sent a dozen  
often, shells into it quickly, three at a  
time, often, the whole place is blotted  
out by the dense black smoke. The  
nerve-racking noise in the trenches  
themselves must be awful for the men  
in them, but the way they stick it is  
really marvellous, and very few come  
sick from trivial things and try and get  
settled down country. The British In-  
fantrymen are grand lads, nothing on  
earth seems to affect them or make  
them budge an inch. I saw the way  
they could march in South Africa, but  
I never saw anything like this, and  
should not have believed that human  
beings could stick the shelling the  
have been having since I have been  
here. The officers of the regiment live  
in the trenches, and the headquarters  
of the regiment is in a bit of a digout  
between the advanced and reserved  
trenches. It must be a fearfully un-  
comfortable life for them.

We live most comfortably in this  
old farm. It is a beautiful old building  
of mellow red brick with an old red-  
tiled roof. The top of the farm consists  
of lofts, and in one of them, overlook-

ing our trenches in the distance, I have  
my observation post. With your glasses  
I get a fine view of what is going on.  
The last two days, since we have  
brought up a whopping big gun bat-  
tery on the right of this farm, the Ger-  
man shell-fire has been much less; the  
weather till midday, too, has been  
foggy, so that may account for it a bit.  
My men have been very worried by the  
German snipers. These have estab-  
lished themselves in a cottage about 400  
yards from our advanced trenches, and  
a man has only to show an arm or a  
head to get a bullet through it. Those  
snipers are all picked shots and have, I  
am told, telescopic sights on their rifles.  
Our lads crawl out, too, in the fog from  
the trenches, and hide till they are able  
to get a shot at a sniper. The amount  
of sheer black that is being exhibited  
I nearly said wasted—by both sides  
is tremendous. It will take some doing  
to get a V. C. this war. The regiments  
that are recruited from amongst min-  
ers have the fewest casualties out here,  
as the miners are used to digging and  
make the best trenches. The reason  
my fellows are not suffering badly is  
that a miner's regiment originally made  
the trenches we now occupy. I haven't  
seen a German since I have been out  
here, except one wounded officer down  
at the base. There are thousands  
within a mile, but all underground.  
They say on our right here, the Ger-  
mans have sapped to within 200 yards  
of our advanced trenches, and you can  
clearly see the spades and earth from  
them over the edge of the trenches  
they are making.

The Germans have a wonderful sys-  
tem of spies and signalling—at least  
they must have. Here's an example.  
It was arranged last night that two  
barrels of filtered water should be put  
in a safely hidden position behind the

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Breathes there a man with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself hath said:  
This is my own, my native land.

regiment on our right, so that the men  
who used to come back to this farm to  
fill their water bottles shouldn't have  
so far to go. This morning from my  
observation post in the loft I was  
watching the men through the glasses  
filling their bottles. About a dozen of  
them were there behind the village and  
quite hidden from the German lines.  
I hadn't left my loft two minutes when  
bang! bang! a couple of big shells  
burst right over the place. I don't  
know if any were hit—none have been  
brought in—but it shows how the Ger-  
mans are kept informed of everything  
that goes on. I should like the Times  
sent out to me every day.

Our wishes are presentment of the  
capabilities which lie within us, and har-  
bingers of that which we shall be in, a  
condition to perform.—Goethe.

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We have about 40 pairs Men's Chrome  
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large sizes only—10, 11, 12. For the big man  
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Delay might be fatal, as there are only 40  
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These are splendid wearing Boots, every  
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sizes.

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This is indeed a snap for the men; nearly  
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on the sole \$7.00, but we have cut them  
down to ..... \$4.95

### \$6.00 Shoes to Be Cleared For \$2.45

There is a very complete line of this Shoe.  
They include Men's and Boys' Hockey Boots  
and the brands are Slater, Invictus and Mc-  
Pherson "Lightning Hitch." They are offered  
now at a trifle of their actual value.

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The same Rubbers are sold elsewhere for  
\$1.25 and \$1.50.

### 35c "Dry Feet" For 20c

The greatest preparation on earth for pre-  
serving and waterproofing leather of all de-  
scriptions.

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will positively be offered at less than cost price. Men's, Wo-  
men's and Children's Boots, Shoes and Slippers are all re-  
duced to prices never before offered in Victoria or anywhere  
else. Come in to-day and bring the whole family, too, and we  
will very soon prove these statements. SHOP EARLY AND  
HAVE THE LARGEST SELECTIONS. Watson's "Satis-  
faction or Money Back" Guarantee on every purchase.



### Ladies' English Felt Bedroom Slippers

A very serviceable Slipper, with felt sole and  
leather outer sole. Regular prices 75c  
\$1.50 and \$1.75. Now reduced to ..... 75c

### Ladies' English Felt Juliet and Boudoir Slippers

High or low heels, in black, brown, green or red. These are the finest English  
made Slippers on the market, and are splendid value at our reduced prices.  
Regular prices \$2.00 and \$2.50, now 95c

### Ladies' English Carpet Slippers

Excellent quality and will stand lots  
of wear; leather soles. Regular price  
\$1.25, now ..... 65c

### Children's English Carpet Slippers

Leather soles, just the thing for the  
kiddies after wearing boots all day.  
Regular price 75c, now ..... 40c

### Women's and Children's Leggings and Gaiters

A great number of them are worth as much as \$2.00, but every one of them will go  
at our Special Price ..... 55c

## THURSDAY

### Boys' High Cut Boots at a Special Cut Price

\$1.00 Off Any Pair in the Store.

The very thing for the boy to wear during wet weather. They are not too heavy,  
but they will stand lots of the very hardest wear, in sizes from 11 to 5.

### Bargains in Boys' Boots

Reg. \$3.50 Leckie Boots For \$2.50

These Boots are made in Leckie's Factory in Vancouver, and they are without a  
doubt the best shoes made in the west. We guarantee them to stand the hardest  
wear and tear. They are sold everywhere at \$3.50, but we are offering them now  
at ..... \$2.50

## SATURDAY

### A Snap for the Ladies

A high grade \$6.00  
Boot for \$3.65



These Boots are the highest grade of  
Canadian made Footwear for Ladies. In  
patent leather, with cloth tops and welted  
soles. They are without an equal for Win-  
ter wear. We can guarantee every pair.

### Ladies' Willow Calf Button Boots Black or Tan

No lady can go wrong in selecting a pair  
of these Boots for Winter wear. The welted  
leather soles and superior grade of uppers  
will stand lots of good, hard wear.  
Thursday and Saturday's Special Reduction  
from \$5.50 to ..... \$2.65

### Canadian Made Boots at Big Reductions

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at \$6.00. Our price \$2.95



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"SMARDON" brand. We have them in all  
sizes, black or brown; button style.

### Children's Boots

Reduced from \$2.50 to \$1.65  
We carry a very complete stock of Chil-  
dren's Boots, so bring them in to-day and  
we can guarantee to please you.

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Reduced from \$1.25 and \$1.50 to 90c

### Ladies' Dr. Special

Regular Price \$6.00, Now \$3.65  
We have only a few left, and as they are  
known throughout the Dominion as Canada's  
best make, they will go quickly. Why not  
come early and be among the lucky few?

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48 x 116, in the best part of Oak Bay, together with a modern 9-room dwelling, new, nicely treed with oaks, etc. Price \$4,750, \$3,000 mortgage can remain at 8 per cent., balance required in cash.

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350 View Street.

Lake District—10 acres of land, all cleared and fenced, together with a well-built house containing 6 rooms, all modern and up-to-date, with bathroom, h. and c. water, connected with septic tank, water piped in house from living spring; all necessary outbuildings, including barn, stable, chicken houses and Chinaman's house. This is an ideal country home, situated 7 miles from city and 1 mile from railway. Price and terms on application.

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416 Central Building.

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1 1/4 Acres near University school, all in bearing orchard, 4-roomed cottage. Price \$4,000.

### TO RENT

1224 Johnson St.—6 rooms, \$15.00  
1113 Yates St.—4 rooms, \$12.00  
2012 Chaucer St.—5 rooms, partly furnished, \$17.50  
1028 Mason St.—5 rooms, \$16.00  
736 King's Rd.—6 rooms, \$17.50  
1246 Acton St.—7 rooms, new, \$20.00

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# Along the Waterfront

Shipping News from Day to Day

## EMPRESS OF ASIA HAS BEEN USEFUL CRUISER CAPTAINS IN C. P. R. TO USE FIVE SHIPS IN PANAMA SERVICE

Albert Hankin, Better Known Here as "Hank," Writes of Work Done by Ship

Arthur Hankin, commonly known in Victoria as "Hank," who is serving as wireless operator on the auxiliary cruiser Empress of Asia, now in Oriental waters, has written a letter to a friend relating a few incidents which have occurred on board the vessel since she was taken over by the British admiralty. "Hank" was wireless operator on this coast for some time, occupying a post on the lighthouse tender Quadra. He was also employed at Two Jacks' cigar stand. "Hank" joined the Asia two trips before she was commandeered by the admiralty. His letter is as follows:

"After coaling at Nagasaki we went into the big drydock at Hongkong. Here our ship was painted war gray and most of the beautiful cabins were torn out. The large library was fitted up as a hospital and all the elaborate fixtures, such as beds, couches, pianos, carpets, furniture, etc., were thrown on to the wharf or into warehouses regardless of cost.

"The fine wireless office on the upper deck was torn but all fixtures and machines placed in the emergency of use below the water line. The heat down there is terrible and we keep only four-hour watches, four on and eight off. All we wear for clothing when on duty is our trousers.

"Our boat was one of the finest-equipped passenger ships on the Pacific. After being stripped, ten six-inch and two rapid-fire guns were mounted. There were placed just under the bridge. We have besides our own British marines—seventy-two Frenchmen. Besides the marines and the ship's officers we have 200 Chinese firemen.

"From Hongkong we sailed directly to Singapore, where we took on troops and sailed to Bombay, stopping to take on 4,000 tons of coal. Then we went on to Manila harbor, where we have four ships of war stationed outside.

"We have maintained an absolute blockade of the harbor. There are sixteen colliers in the harbor loaded with coal for the Germans, but they can't get away.

"Thus far, we have sent five ships to Hongkong."

### NO CHANGE CONTEMPLATED

Capt. C. H. Nicholson, of Vancouver, manager of the G. T. P. S. S. Co., writes to the Times stating that there is no foundation for the report that the steamer Prince George may be supplanted in the Victoria-Prince Rupert-Granby Bay service by the smaller steamer Prince Albert. There was a rumor that owing to a falling off in passenger travel the George might be laid up, but the manager emphatically denies that the company ever entertained any such idea.

### PASSED BY ADMIRALTY

New York, Dec. 30.—Owners of the steamship, Graciosa, which sailed from Boston December 14, for Bremen with 5,000 bales of cotton aboard, received to-day a cable message from the British admiralty notifying them that the vessel had been examined at Falkmouth, released immediately and had started for Bremen.

The Graciosa carried the first load of cotton shipped direct from the United States to a German port since the beginning of the war.

## TIMES SHIPPING CHART

DEEP-SEA ARRIVALS.				
Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From
Yokohama Maru	Komatsubara	4,900	G. Northern	Hongkong, Dec. 29
Tambov	Ralfour	3,773	Guthrie	Vladivostok, Dec. 31
Yokohama Maru	Kobayashi	4,900	G. Northern	Hongkong, Jan. 1
Director	Tonnage	3,820	G. Northern	Hongkong, Jan. 14
Makura	Phillips	4,900	G. Northern	Hongkong, Jan. 19
Yokohama Maru	Ralfour	3,773	Guthrie	Hongkong, Jan. 21
Director	Tonnage	3,820	G. Northern	Hongkong, Jan. 21
Makura	Phillips	4,900	G. Northern	Hongkong, Jan. 21
Yokohama Maru	Ralfour	3,773	Guthrie	Hongkong, Feb. 8
Director	Tonnage	3,820	G. Northern	Hongkong, Feb. 8
Makura	Phillips	4,900	G. Northern	Hongkong, Feb. 8
Yokohama Maru	Ralfour	3,773	Guthrie	Hongkong, Feb. 10
Director	Tonnage	3,820	G. Northern	Hongkong, Feb. 10
Makura	Phillips	4,900	G. Northern	Hongkong, Feb. 10
Yokohama Maru	Ralfour	3,773	Guthrie	Hongkong, Feb. 12
Director	Tonnage	3,820	G. Northern	Hongkong, Feb. 12
Makura	Phillips	4,900	G. Northern	Hongkong, Feb. 12
Yokohama Maru	Ralfour	3,773	Guthrie	Hongkong, Mar. 10
Director	Tonnage	3,820	G. Northern	Hongkong, Mar. 10
Makura	Phillips	4,900	G. Northern	Hongkong, Mar. 10

DEEP-SEA DEPARTURES.				
Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	To
Seattle Maru	R. P. Rithet	H. G. K.	Jan. 3	Seattle
Yokohama Maru	G. N.	Hongkong	Jan. 12	Hongkong
Makura	R. P. Rithet	H. G. K.	Jan. 19	Hongkong
Makura	C. P. R.	Australia	Jan. 20	Australia
Antiochus	Dodwell	Liverpool	Jan. 20	Liverpool
Awa Maru	R. P. Rithet	H. G. K.	Jan. 20	Hongkong
Niagara	C. P. R.	Sydney	Feb. 17	Sydney
Ixion	Dodwell	Liverpool	Feb. 17	Liverpool

COASTING VESSELS.				
From	Master	Tonnage	Agents	To
From Northern Ports.				
Prince George	G. T. P.	R. P. R.	Jan. 3	Seattle
Princess Mary	C. P. R.	Skagway	Jan. 3	Skagway
Prince John	G. T. P.	Q. Charlotte	Jan. 3	Charlotte
From Southern Ports.				
Prince George	G. T. P.	Q. Charlotte	Jan. 3	Charlotte
Princess Mary	C. P. R.	Skagway	Jan. 3	Skagway
From West Coast.				
Tees	Holbert	Jan. 7	From San Francisco.	San Francisco
President	Pacific Coast	Jan. 4	Governor	San Francisco
Governor	Pacific Coast	Jan. 4	Governor	San Francisco
For San Francisco.				
For Comox.				
Charmar	C. P. R.	Jan. 5	Charmar	Comox

SAILERS COMING.				
From	Master	Tonnage	Agents	To
Columbia	Algerian	from Salaverry	Peru	for Royal Roads
Load lumber	at Vancouver	for Australia		
Wolff	Norwegian	barque, from Arica		
Chile	to load lumber	at Victoria		
Arica	Oct. 20			

FERRY SERVICES.				
For Vancouver.	For Seattle.	For Port Angeles.	For Port Angeles.	For Port Angeles.
Princess Victoria leaves 1.45 p.m. daily.	Princess Victoria leaves 1.45 p.m. daily.	Sol Duc, 11 a.m., except Sunday.	Sol Duc, 11 a.m., except Sunday.	Sol Duc, 11 a.m., except Sunday.
Princess Alice leaves 11.45 p.m. daily.	Princess Alice leaves 11.45 p.m. daily.	Sol Duc, 3 a.m., except Sunday.	Sol Duc, 3 a.m., except Sunday.	Sol Duc, 3 a.m., except Sunday.
Princess Victoria arrives 4.30 p.m. daily.	Princess Victoria arrives 4.30 p.m. daily.	Sol Duc, 3 a.m., except Sunday.	Sol Duc, 3 a.m., except Sunday.	Sol Duc, 3 a.m., except Sunday.
Princess Adelaide arrives 6.30 a.m. daily.	Princess Adelaide arrives 6.30 a.m. daily.	Sol Duc, 3 a.m., except Sunday.	Sol Duc, 3 a.m., except Sunday.	Sol Duc, 3 a.m., except Sunday.

## CROSSING PACIFIC IN THIRTEEN DAYS

Schedule of New Osaka Liners Issued; First Will Arrive Here September 2

Both the new Osaka Shosen Kaisha liners, Manila Maru and Hawaii Maru, are to cross the Pacific from Yokohama to Victoria in 13 days, two days faster than the time taken by the ships at present operating in this service.

Advance copies of the 1915 schedule of the company have been received here by the local agents, R. P. Rithet & Co., and the meetings and arrivals of the 10,000-ton liners are given. The Manila and Hawaii will replace the steamships Panama Maru and Seattle Maru.

The schedule calls for the departure from Hongkong of the first of the new ships, which it is understood will be the Hawaii Maru, on August 7, of next year, and she is due to leave Shanghai five days later. She is due to sail from Yokohama on August 20. The steamship will dock at Victoria on September 2. The Hawaii replaces the Seattle Maru. On October 12 the second new ship, the Manila Maru, will clear from Hongkong in place of the steamship Panama Maru. She leaves Yokohama on October 29 and is scheduled to arrive here on November 10.

Both the Manila and Hawaii are now in course of construction at Japanese shipyards. The first will be launched next April and it will take

Tying Up of Steamers Caused Many Changes; Revival Expected in Spring

Through the tying up of a number of the C. P. R. coasting steamers many changes have been made with the masters. The falling off of travel has caused the withdrawal of the Princess Royal, Princess Beatrice and Princess Sophia, and in order that alterations may be carried out on the Princess Charlotte she too has been laid up. The Princess Mary is tied up at the inner docks and is kept as a relief boat. Little freight is moving north at the present time and the freighter Princess Ena has been sent to an anchorage at Esquimalt and the freighter Otter, which has been operating between here, Vancouver and east coast ports, is also tied up.

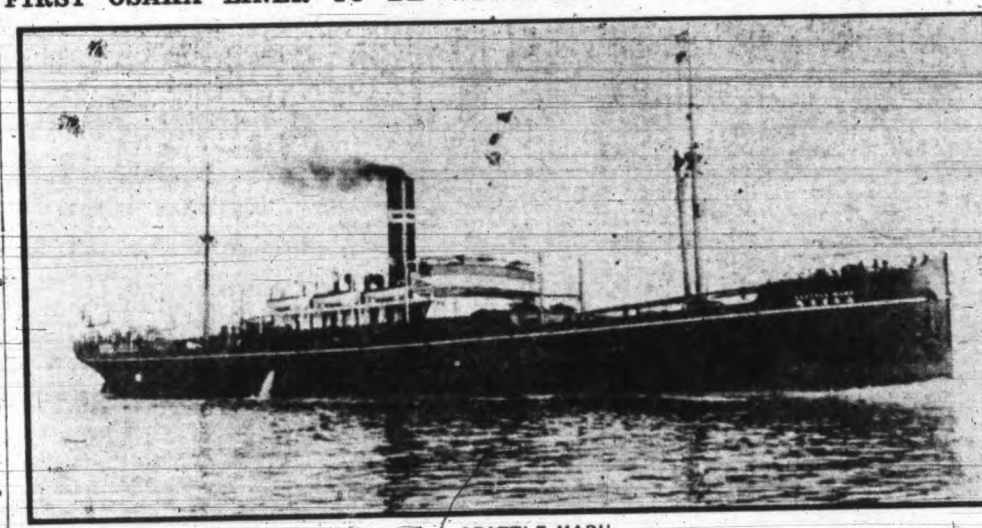
In order that the masters may be retained several changes have been made. Capt. Griffin, of the Princess Charlotte, has been given command of the Princess Alice, and Capt. Brown,

Blue Funnel Line to Send Vessel From Mersey to Coast Every 28 Days

Five steamships are to be used by the Blue Funnel line in maintaining the new service from Liverpool to Victoria via the Panama canal. Two ships have already been appointed to make sailings, but owing to the uncertainty which exists as to which vessels the company will have at its disposal owing to the activity of the British admiralty in requisitioning its steamships, it is impossible at present to make any further assignments to the new trade.

The Moyne is scheduled to depart from Liverpool on January 2, and it is expected that she will make the run to Victoria in 35 days. Her first stop of her outward run will be at Kingston, Jamaica. From there she will proceed to Colon, pass through the canal and steam up the coast to San Pedro, San Francisco and Victoria.

## FIRST OSAKA LINER TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM PACIFIC TRADE



S. S. SEATTLE MARU

Early in August the steamship will leave this trade, making way for the larger and newer liner Hawaii Maru. In the middle of October the Panama Maru, a sister-ship to the Seattle Maru, will be replaced by the Manila Maru, a vessel of the same dimensions as the Hawaii.

of the Alice, has shifted to the Charmer. Capt. Hunter still remains with the Princess Adelaide and Capt. Hickey keeps his old command, the Princess Victoria. Capt. Locke is taking over the steamer Princess Maquina, which is on the Granby Bay run, and Capt. D. Robertson, her former commander, is coming here for orders. Capt. Gilchrist, of the Queen City, and Capt. Ormiston, of the Queen City, goes as chief officer with Capt. Hickey on the Princess Victoria.

With the arrival of spring the steamship companies look for a remarkable revival in coastwise travel. Many people are expected to rush to the north and the Alaska trade is expected to be very heavy.

We want one or two companions of intelligence, probity, and grace to wear out life with persons by whom we can measure ourselves, and who shall hold us fast in good sense and virtue.—Emerson.

From here the Moyne goes to Vancouver, Seattle and Tacoma. On her homeward voyage the Moyne will make a call at this port and touch at the same ports as on the way out.

The local agents have announced that the Decaulion will follow the Moyne to Victoria. She will clear from the Mersey about January 20. The Blue Funnel line has decided to maintain a 28-day service on the new route, and while business is being worked up ships like the Moyne and Decaulion, with capacities for 8,000 and 10,000 tons of cargo, will be used. As soon as the trade develops larger ships will be placed on the run.

In order to maintain the 28-day service between Liverpool and Victoria, the Blue Funnel line will have to use five steamships. They will all be capable of making a speed of between 12 and 13 knots an hour, and will be the fastest freight ships using the canal. Steamships with stowage space will be operated as soon as the stream of immigration turns towards the Pacific coast.

The Oriental Service. The new Oriental service of the Blue Funnel line will be maintained by the steamships Cania, Titan and Ixion. They will operate between Victoria and Puget Sound ports and Yokohama, Manila and Hongkong. The service will be monthly. The ships assigned to this service represent three distinct stages in the development of ship architecture in this company. The Cania is one of the oldest ships in the employ of the line. She was formerly a China Mutual boat, but is a large and capable cargo boat. The Titan represents the next stage in construction. She has twin-masts and twin-screws, and the Ixion is one of the last ships turned out for the company.

In the past the direct boats of the Blue Funnel line from Liverpool have come to Victoria via the Orient, but in future they will use the Panama canal. The distance between the two points via the new waterway is several thousand miles shorter than via the Suez canal and Orient.

## FEED SHIP FOR FRANCE ASHORE OFF N. S. COAST

Halifax, Dec. 30.—The steamer Navarra, 2,947 tons, which left St. John, N. B., yesterday, under charter to the admiralty and bound for France, struck on Holmes Island during the night and was reported this afternoon to be breaking up. No word has been received as to the safety of her crew. Scotia near the village of Yarmouth. The Navarra's plight was reported to the marine and fisheries agency of the Dominion government here. The government steamer Aberdeen was ordered to proceed from Yarmouth to the Navarra's aid. Two tugs, it is reported, were standing by. The Navarra was carrying hay and feed.

## BACK STEAMER LICENSES PAID OVER TO ALASKA

Fairbanks, Alaska, Dec. 29.—As the result of confirmation of judgments by the United States court of appeals at San Francisco, the Northern Commercial company and the Northern Navigation company have paid the district clerk \$17,475.50. This sum covers unpaid steamer licenses due to the government for 1905-1911, inclusive, or ever since they began operating boats here. In addition their acceptance of judgment opens the way for the collection of similar licenses for 1912, 1913 and 1914, none of which have been collected pending the outcome of the case.

The point about which the collection of these steamer licenses hinged was whether the government could legally collect licenses from boats which had already paid licenses to the Canadian government. The boats affected are those operated between the Canadian Yukon and the American Yukon. By affirming judgments taken here and failure to appeal the case to a higher court, the precedent is now established that steamers operating between Alaska and foreign territory must pay the license or tonnage fees required by the Alaskan statutes regardless of what license is enforced by other countries.

## BIG HERRING CATCH

Curling, Nfld., Dec. 30.—The comparatively mild weather this month has been favorable to the herring fisheries of the west coast of Newfoundland and already about ten million pounds has been shipped from the Bay of Islands. A number of American vessels are still in the bay awaiting cargoes. Drift ice coming down the coast has forced back a dozen American schooners to leave Bonna Bay and sail for the Bay of Islands. At Bonna Bay there are 1,020,000 pounds of cod awaiting shipment.

## Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company

### NEW YEAR HOLIDAY RATES

Tickets for the above holiday will be sold at single fare and one-fifth for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on the following dates: To points on Courtenay Branch, on sale December 31st. Final return limit, January 4th, 1915. To points on Port Alberni Branch, on sale December 30th and January 1st. Final return limit, January 2nd, 1915. To points on Lake Cowichan Branch, on sale Dec. 30th. Final return limit, January 2nd, 1915. From and to all stations between Victoria and Parksville, on sale December 31st and January 1st, 1915. Final limit, January 2nd, 1915. Full particulars on application. Phones 1394-155-174. L. D. CHETHAM, District Passenger Agent.

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## CHUMS IN CREW HAD SERIES OF MISHAPS

One Lad on Barque Port Caledonia is Killed and Other is Badly Injured

Portland, Dec. 30.—While the Finnish barque Port Caledonia, Captain Carlsson, arriving at the Linton wharf last dock from Quebec on Monday was loading patent fuel at Port Talbot, Wales, for the west coast port, two young sailors, about 17, signed articles to make the voyage on her. One of them fell into the hold a few days later and sustained fatal injuries. On learning of the tragedy, his mother was driven insane.

His companion, whose name is Lentz, remained on the vessel. Two weeks later, on the voyage to the west coast, he rolled aboard and struck him. He hurled him against one of the masts, injuring his leg so badly as to make it difficult, even now, for him to get around. When the barque was within about two weeks' run of the Columbia river, he lost the end of a finger by getting it caught in a pulley.

The lad who lost his life and the one who met with the accident went to Port Talbot from Finland, and they were chums. The captain says he did not know either of them before they went aboard, to become members of the crew.

Bad Weather Off Horn. In rounding Cape Horn the Port Caledonia encountered rough weather, and it took her a month to complete that part of the voyage. She was in that latitude in June and July, a very stormy period. There was a succession of gales. Snowstorms added to the discomfort of the tars, and several of them had their fingers and toes frozen. Coming up the Pacific to Iquique and from there to the river the barque encountered fine weather. Less than a year ago the Port Caledonia was at Portland flying the British flag. Although she now is under the Russian colors she is owned in Finland. Her home port in the latter country is Nystad, and she is of Finnish registry. As soon as her ballast has been discharged the vessel will come up to Portland and begin loading grain for the United Kingdom. She is under charter to M. H. Houser. The craft was brought up the river by the Puget Sound Tugboat Company's tug Tutoosh. Owing to a thick fog she was at anchor for about three hours.

## YOKOHAMA NOT SPOKEN

It is not expected that the Nippon liner Yokohama Maru, Capt. Komatsubara, will make port here daylight to-morrow morning. No word was received from her up to late this afternoon. She is coming in from the Orient now. She is coming in from the Orient now. She is coming in from the Orient now.

## TIDE TABLE.

December.				
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2	.....	.....	12:00 9.2	21:16 1.1
3	.....	.....	12:00 9.4	21:51 0.9
4	.....	.....	12:00 9.5	22:29 0.8
5	.....	.....	12:00 9.6	23:09 0.6
6	.....	.....	12:00 9.7	23:51 0.5
7	.....	.....	12:00 9.8	24:35 0.4
8	.....	.....	12:00 9.9	25:21 0.3
9	.....	.....	12:00 10.0	26:09 0.2
10	1:17 2.5	9:28 8.1	.....	.....
11	2:00 3.5	9:52 8.3	16:15 6.9	27:00 0.1
12	2:43 4.5	.....	17:52 2.5	.....
13	3:24 5.5	.....	18:36 2.2	.....
14	.....	10:36 9.9	19:26 1.5	.....
15	.....	10:29 9.3	20:13 1.1	.....
16	.....	10:34 8.7	21:02 0.8	.....
17	.....	.....	11:52 10.1	.....
18	.....	.....	12:23 10.2	.....
19	.....	.....	13:02 10.3	.....
20	.....	.....	13:28 9.4	.....
21	.....	.....	14:09 8.7	.....
22	8:45 8.6	.....	.....	.....
23	0:17 2.9	8:38 8.5	17:47 5.9	.....
24	0:59 2.5	.....	18:31 5.1	.....
25	1:38 4.5	8:51 8.7	17:54 5.1	.....
26	2:02 5.5	9:11 8.9	19:01 3.7	.....
27	.....	9:29 9.0	19:29 3.7	.....
28	.....	10:02 9.1	19:53 3.9	.....
29	.....	10:26 9.2	20:29 2.4	.....
30	.....	.....	21:09 1.7	.....
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# Financial News

## BULLISHNESS IN LEAD PROVES UNREMITTING

Leading Provincial Issue Gains Further Five Cents To-day on Buyer's Bids

Standard Lead showed unremitting strength. Following yesterday's ten cents advance an additional gain of five cents was made this morning, and holders of stock were withheld. Several other issues mustered a degree of firmness.

	Bid	Asked
Blackbird Syndicate	10.00	30.00
B. C. Refining Co.	30	30
B. C. Copper Co.	75	1.30
C. N. P. Fisheries	03	03
Coronation Gold	02	03
Lucky Jim Zinc	02	03
McClure's Coal	18	22
Nugget Gold	01	02
Portland Canal	01	02
Hammer Cashbox	09	16
Red Cliff	09	16
Standard Lead	1.15	1.40
Snowstorm	12	24
Stewart M. & D.	30	30
Slocan Star	30	30
S. Island Creamery	6.00	7.50
Stewart Land	00	00
Glacier Creek	02	02
Island Investment	20.00	20.00
Union Club (deb.)	120.00	120.00
Western Can.	00	00
Portland Tunnels	00	00
North Shore Iron	00	00
Rock Waterworks	00	00
Atlantia Oil	00	00

## WHEAT EXPORT TRADE KEEPS FAIRLY ACTIVE

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Trading was quiet on the grain market, a holiday feeling being around with prices showing slight advance opening, due to some profit taking. The export trade keeps fairly active, the inquiry is good and the export houses reported a fair amount of sales early this morning and prices about 2c higher. The cash situation was unchanged. Offerings were few and demand about equal. The inquiry for No. 2 C. W. oats was good. Receipts are falling off, the inspections on Tuesday totalled 118 cars as against 90 last year.

	Open	Close
Wheat	122 1/2	122 1/2
Dec.	122 1/2	122 1/2
Jan.	122 1/2	122 1/2
Feb.	122 1/2	122 1/2
Mar.	122 1/2	122 1/2
Apr.	122 1/2	122 1/2
May	122 1/2	122 1/2
June	122 1/2	122 1/2
July	122 1/2	122 1/2
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Nov.	122 1/2	122 1/2
Dec.	122 1/2	122 1/2
Jan.	122 1/2	122 1/2
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Apr.	122 1/2	122 1/2
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June	122 1/2	122 1/2
July	122 1/2	122 1/2
Aug.	122 1/2	122 1/2
Sept.	122 1/2	122 1/2
Oct.	122 1/2	122 1/2
Nov.	122 1/2	122 1/2
Dec.	122 1/2	122 1/2

## NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	1.05	1.10	1.05	1.05
Feb.	1.05	1.10	1.05	1.05
Mar.	1.05	1.10	1.05	1.05
Apr.	1.05	1.10	1.05	1.05
May	1.05	1.10	1.05	1.05
June	1.05	1.10	1.05	1.05
July	1.05	1.10	1.05	1.05
Aug.	1.05	1.10	1.05	1.05
Sept.	1.05	1.10	1.05	1.05
Oct.	1.05	1.10	1.05	1.05
Nov.	1.05	1.10	1.05	1.05
Dec.	1.05	1.10	1.05	1.05

## SEABOARD BUSINESS IS NOT OF CONSEQUENCE

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The one important business influence for the wheat trade today appeared to be the absence of anything like the export demand which has been the chief support for the market of late. A little export business reported by the Gulf at the highest premium on the crop. Cash wheat news from Omaha, Kansas City and St. Louis is bullish, and hard to buy in large quantities in the country, and this feature restricting export business in that quarter. Seaboard business is not of consequence.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Dec.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Jan.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Feb.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Mar.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Apr.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
May	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
June	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
July	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Aug.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Sept.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Oct.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Nov.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Dec.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2

## COPPER ISSUES GO UP ON LATTER TRADING

Early-Market Tendency Was Towards Lower Levels; Steel Earnings Off

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)  
New York, Dec. 30.—Reports of unfavorable monthly earnings recently published had an adverse influence on stock market sentiment today.

Traders were apathetic and transactions became abnormally dull throughout the session.

Towards mid-day, several weak spots developed in the list, on selling which was largely instigated by the floor element, bearish tendencies prevailed, particularly in copper.

Estimated earnings of the Steel Corporation for this present quarter are expected to be the lowest on record, but indications for the future of the trade are cheerful, and it was asserted that railroads, encouraged by the rate increase, might soon place large orders.

High, Low, Bid.

	High	Low	Bid
Alaska Gold	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amal. Copper	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Ann. Beet Sugar	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
Am. Can.	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Am. Ice Securities	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Anaconda	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Atchafalca	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
B. & O.	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
C. P. R.	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Central Leather	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
De. pref.	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Lehigh Valley	129 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2
New Haven	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
N. Y. N. E.	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Pennsylvania	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Pressed Steel Car	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Reading	142 1/2	142 1/2	142 1/2
S. P. R.	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2
Tenn. Copper	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
U. S. Steel	142 1/2	142 1/2	142 1/2
De. pref.	194 1/2	194 1/2	194 1/2
Utah-Copper	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Westinghouse	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2

## MAYORS ARE ELECTED IN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

Toronto, Dec. 30.—In the municipal nominations which were held throughout Ontario yesterday the following were elected mayors by acclamation: Midland, H. J. Craig; Chatham, H. E. Wanless; Walkerton, F. W. Lippert; Mattawa, George L. Lamother; Harrison, S. M. Henry; Meaford, E. Kent; Renfrew, W. A. Moore; Brantford, J. H. Spence; Kingston, R. D. Sutherland; Galt, A. E. Buchanan; Dundas, W. H. Fisher; Campbellford, W. J. Armstrong; Paris, J. M. Patterson; Carleton Place, D. Smythe; Almonte, H. Jamieson; Seaforth, William Ament; Aylmer, F. L. Wagner; Palmerston, S. Mathers; Simcoe, G. Williamson.

## HIPOLITO TO BE SCENE OF BATTLE IN MEXICO

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 30.—The entire garrison of Monterey, at Carranza troops, left there yesterday for Hipolito, midway to Torreon, where they were expected to join other Carranza forces in a big battle against Villa troops, according to news brought here today by families of civil and military officers of Monterey. These refugees said there was great anxiety in Monterey for fear of an attack by Villa troops.

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Wheat	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
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July	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Aug.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Sept.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Oct.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Nov.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Dec.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2

## STEWART LIQUIDATOR FOR DOMINION TRUST

Chief Justice Appoints Nominee of Creditors of Insolvent Company

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Andrew Stewart, manager of a large firm of auditors in Vancouver, was today appointed by Chief Justice Hunter to be the permanent liquidator for the Dominion Trust Company.

"I find that there is nothing for me to do but to appoint Mr. Stewart," said the chief justice, after listening to the suggestions of a score of barristers. "The creditors give him an overwhelming endorsement, and I cannot do better than follow that."

"It will be an unenviable task for the liquidator according to a recent decision of the highest courts they appear to rank behind the general creditors, and if that is true, then the wishes of the creditors as expressed to me today must prevail. I may say that I intend to do all I can to assist the unfortunate victims of this failure."

"I hope that the liquidator will discharge his duties without fear, favor or affection to anyone. I urge him not to allow any particular individual to be wrongfully made a scapegoat, but that he may bring all to a true accounting, and least of all to allow anyone to escape under the shroud of the dead."

The chief justice had already outlined a plan for the holding of regular creditors' meetings for the discussion of affairs arising out of the liquidation, and on this point he today added: "I desire Mr. Stewart to proceed in a businesslike manner, and in order to facilitate that would ask that accreditations and personal discussion be given aside and that the liquidator be given a fair opportunity of performing his office. If these meetings, however, should degenerate into beer-gardens, where personal abuse is indulged in and political intrigue hatched, then I shall find a way of putting an end to the matter. It will take three or four years at the very best to straighten out the affairs of this company. I shall give the chairman power to keep order at the meetings and I desire that they shall be a real assistance to the people concerned."

The second feature of the court session this morning, aside from the actual appointment of Mr. Stewart, was the pronouncement by both counsel and court on the standing of the depositors. It was declared that the depositors had rights only after the creditors had been satisfied. It has been frequently admitted that the shareholders will never get anything worth mentioning, for there are general creditors enough to more than eat up the expected results of the liquidation, and it appears that unless the chances of the depositors are in some other way improved, they too will get nothing. This assertion was made by Joseph Martin, K. C., in court today.

Mr. Martin quoted the history of the first Dominion Trust company and declared he was quite sure that because the concern had no power to accept deposits the depositors had now no claim whatever as creditors. The law was laid down in the Birkbeck case in England. The privy council held that funds of depositors who had put money into a concern which had no power to accept deposits could only come in with the shareholders, after the general creditors were satisfied.

"Hereafter," added Mr. Martin, "I have refrained from making any statement on this matter, for I recognize that this view of the case works a very great hardship in many cases."

"Does that apply to all the deposits, no matter when taken?" asked the court.

Mr. Martin replied that he had not gone into that. He said he was satisfied, however, that deposits in the period preceding March 4 last were in no better position than the deposits received since. There were still a small amount of the original deposits, but they were very small and he could hardly say what better position they would be in.

Although unsuccessful in the court proceedings this morning in having anyone of their nominees appointed as liquidator, the depositors of the Dominion Trust Company are hoping to be able to obtain some relief by applying to the provincial government, in correspondence has been in progress arranging an interview to be held at the legislature buildings at Victoria between representatives of the provincial government and representatives of the depositors.

Sir Richard McBride, premier, this morning conveyed to the secretary of the depositors committee an intimation of his willingness to meet a deputation at Victoria at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 5. It has been arranged that Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney-general, and Hon. Price Edmon, minister of finance, will be present with the premier and that the deputation of depositors will include representatives from Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo.

## DUM-DUM BULLET CHARGE AGAINST ALLIES UNTRUE

Washington, Dec. 30.—State department officials have practically completed their investigation of charges by the German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, that dum-dum bullets were being supplied from the United States to the armies of Belgium. An answer to Count von Bernstorff will be made within the next few days.

The department's investigators reported that the samples of dum-dum bullets submitted by the German ambassador as having been made in the United States would not fit any rifle being used by the allies.

State department officials also have been informed by an American diplomat just back from Europe that he found no ground for charges that Belgians have been mutilated by German soldiers.

## CHINESE LOST MONEY IN DOMINION TRUST

Amount Supposed to Have Been Sent to Victoria Was Retained at Vancouver

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—The mysterious disappearance of a sum of \$18,000 which was supposed to have been sent last May from the head office of the Dominion Trust Company to its branch at Victoria, but of which no trace can now be found, was discussed this morning in supreme court chambers.

The matter was brought out by J. A. Russell, who appeared with a request that an order of Mr. Justice Gregory appointing the Canadian Financiers Trust company as trustees of the estate of the late Chang Hong Foo, in place of the Dominion Trust Company, be implemented to meet conditions which had arisen as a result of the winding-up proceedings.

"Chang Hong Foo," said Mr. Russell, "was a well-to-do Chinese who died leaving an estate of about \$100,000. It was left with the Dominion Trust Company as trustees for Chang Hong Foo's four children. The eldest some time ago attained his majority and became entitled to his share of the estate, amounting to about \$25,000. Of other sums, \$18,000 was supposed to have been sent last May from the head office of the Dominion Trust Company to Victoria, but we can find no trace of it."

Mr. Russell said that he believed that the money ever found its way to Victoria.

"Mr. Russell had secured an order from Mr. Justice Gregory on November 2, a week before the company was ordered to be wound up, authorizing a change of trusteeship of the estate to the Canadian Financiers Trust company, but a conflict had arisen with Mr. Martin as counsel for the provisional liquidator, and the papers and titles had not been handed over."

"My learned friend claims to have a lien on the papers, although the estate owes us \$18,000 in cash," said Mr. Russell indignantly.

"What do you claim a lien for?" asked the chief justice.

"For the work we have done on the papers," replied Mr. Martin, whose voice was momentarily drowned by the laughter of the assembly, most of whom were depositors or creditors of the company interested in the liquidation.

Mr. Martin argued his point, but Chief Justice Hunter ruled that the only lien that could be claimed was for work done on the papers in consequence of the application to transfer to another trustee.

## CHINESE EXHIBITS FOR SAN FRANCISCO FAIR

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Chen Chie, Chinese commissioner-general to the Panama-Pacific Exposition is here today from the Orient with his wife, his commissioners and full clerical and executive staff, a party of 34. He brought 49 tons of exhibits.

The commissioner said this was the first time China had attempted to enter a competitive exhibit in an international exposition.

## EIGHT ARE ARRESTED AS ROBBERS' ACCOMPLICES

Bingham, Ut., Dec. 30.—Four men and four women are under arrest as suspected accomplices of Bert Heaton, who held up the Bingham State Bank yesterday and was captured soon afterward with \$16,492 he took from the bank. Heaton says he came here from Joplin, Mo., but does not know any of the eight suspected persons, all of whom except two are residents of Bingham.

## PRISONERS OF FRANCE GIVEN GOOD TREATMENT

Saint Pol, via Paris, Dec. 30.—German prisoners of war work cheerfully, at the side of their armed French guards in repairing the much-damaged national highways in this region, just to the rear of the colossal battle-front. The prisoners are on the best of terms with their captors, who good-naturedly share cigarettes, pipes and other luxuries with their erstwhile foes. The prisoners remain only a short time in this neighborhood. As soon as sufficient number is taken to fill a train the captives are despatched to some town on the coast or in the interior or embarked for Algeria. In this region there has been much activity from morning to night on account of the passage of great supply convoys, interspersed with columns of troops proceeding daily to the front to take their turn in the trenches.

## STEAMERS WITH COPPER ARE HELD BY BRITAIN

Washington, Dec. 30.—Detention by British authorities of the Swedish steamer New Sweden, carrying 730 tons of American copper for Stockholm, at Newcastle, on December 28, and of the Norwegian steamer Sorland, carrying 600 tons for the same port, on December 28, at Leith, was reported today to the state department by the American Smelting & Refining company.

The company has advised the state department it has been unable to get advice of the disposition of the ships. The department has made inquiries of Great Britain.

The New Sweden sailed from New York December 18 for Gothenburg via Kirkwall, and the Sorland sailed from New York on November 28 for the same place.

## CANADIAN NORTHERN ASKS CASH ADVANCE

Railway Has Difficulty in Selling Bonds Except at Great Discount

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Owing to the war, the world's money markets are practically closed, and governments and corporations have experienced the greatest difficulty in placing loans.

Like other borrowers, the C. N. Railway company finds it almost impossible to realize on its securities, or only at such a discount as to be disastrous.

Last session, to complete this system, the government guaranteed the bonds of this company for \$45,000,000. Previous to the outbreak of hostilities, the company had \$15,000,000 worth of these bonds underwritten in London, and the money under the terms of the agreement with the government, was applied to the company's debts. Since that time it has been impossible to secure sale on reasonable terms for the remainder of the issue, and the company is faced with a condition that prevents further liquidation of debt or improvement of the system.

Sir William Mackenzie, Z. A. Lash and D. B. Hanna, of the C. N. R., have been frequent visitors to Ottawa lately, and it is known that they have placed the situation of the company before the government. They are not asking for more assistance, but hope that the government will take some action which will make the assistance granted last session available. To sell the bonds at a sacrifice would be a heavy burden on the company and a blow to the government's credit. It is stated that New York financiers would take the bonds, but at such a discount that the government could not allow them to be sold.

The company now asks that advances be made to banks holding these government guaranteed securities until such time as normal conditions prevail in the world's money markets.

So far the government has made no decision, and it is not likely to do so until the return of the various members of the cabinet after New Year.

If the company fails to make good the agreement of last year, it means that the C. N. R. reverts to the government. No further aid will be granted, and what will be done regarding that granted last year will be subjected to careful consideration.

## GERMANS LOST ST. GEORGE CLAIM RUSSIAN SUCCESS

Berlin, Dec. 30.—(By wireless to London).—The official communication given out today by the German war office says: "In the western theatre of the war we still are fighting for the hamlet of St. George, to the south of Neuport, which we were compelled to evacuate owing to a surprise attack."

"Storm and cold caused damage to the positions on both sides in Flanders and in northern France."

"On the rest of the front the day passed quietly."

"In East Prussia the Russian cavalry was driven back in the direction of Pilkallen (four miles from the Russian frontier and south of the Niemen river)."

"In Poland—On the right bank of the Vistula the offensive to the east of"

## GOVERNOR-GENERAL AT QUEBEC INSPECTS TROOPS

Quebec, Dec. 30.—H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught to-day inspected the troops that are concentrated here. A special train brought the vice-regal party, who were received by Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of Quebec. Captain Pelletier, aide de camp; Col. J. P. Landry, commander of the fifth military division, and Major Doull, assistant adjutant general, were present.

The force reviewed was over 2,000 strong.

## MEETINGS

Meeting Cancelled.—The annual social recently announced to be held on New Year's Eve under the auspices of the Baptist Young People's Union at Emmanuel church, has been cancelled.

Christmas Treat for Orphans.—The L. O. B. A., Purple Star Lodge, 104, will give a Christmas treat to the Protestant Orphans to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 2, in the Orange hall, Yates St. There will be an auto run, a Christmas Tree and tea. The ladies of the lodge are expected to bring cake.

St. Paul's Entertainment.—The annual Christmas entertainment of St. Paul's Presbyterian Sunday School will be



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### WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 30—5 a. m.—An important storm area, now centred off Prince Rupert, is likely to extend southward and cause easterly to southerly gales on this coast and the Straits and Sound. Zero temperatures prevail in the prairie provinces, and sharp frosts have again extended to Memphis.

For 26 hours ending 5 p. m., Thursday, Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or gales, mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Lower Mainland—Strong winds or gales, mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports.  
Victoria—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 41; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .94; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 38; wind, 5 miles E.; rain, .32; weather, fair.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 40; wind, 5 miles E.; rain, .32; weather, fair.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 42; wind, 5 miles N. E.; rain, .25; weather, fair.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.59; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 30.

Temperature.  
Max. Min.  
Nelson ..... 45 ..... 35  
Calgary ..... 22 ..... 10  
Edmonton ..... 22 ..... 10  
Winnipeg ..... 12 ..... -8  
Toronto ..... 28 ..... 14  
Ottawa ..... 28 ..... 14  
Montreal ..... 28 ..... 14  
St. John ..... 28 ..... 14  
Halifax ..... 28 ..... 14

 Victoria Daily Weather.  
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Tuesday:

 Temperature.  
Highest ..... 44.0  
Lowest ..... 39.2  
Average ..... 41.5  
Temperature on grass ..... 38.5  
Rain, .02 inch.  
Bright sunshine, 48 minutes.  
General state of weather, cloudy.

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who were present at the proceedings in addition to those who have already been mentioned were Mrs. McTavish, Mrs. McCulloch, Rev. de B. Owen, Mrs. Helmecken, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Wade, Mrs. George Jay, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Morley, Miss McTavish, Mrs. John Langley, Mrs. Devereaux, Mrs. Toller, Miss Pawcett, the Misses Tomlin, Mrs. David Miller, Mrs. Peter Turner, Mrs. D. Spencer, Mr. the Misses Spencer, and Miss Dorothy McTavish, with her Sunday school class.

Gilbert Fraser was the very picturesque Santa Claus who distributed the gifts to the children yesterday.

### SANTA VISITS NURSERY

Christmas Tree at Creche Interests Many Little Folk.

Several wee tots yesterday afternoon at the Victoria day nursery saw their first Christmas tree. Not in every instance because Christmas had not been kind to them in the past, but because the stock did not leave them here in time for the last tree. So they came yesterday in the arms of their mothers, and seemed thoroughly interested in the brilliant spectacle of a festively decorated fir with lighted candles and fascinating glittering things woven among the branches. There were plenty of other little people who could just walk, too, while some of the girls and boys were even bigger, and could understand every word that Santa Claus said when he told them to cover their eyes and take something from the big stocking that was so full of engaging-looking parcels.

Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick made a very pleasing Santa Claus, and parcels of useful clothing, handkerchiefs for each of the children, bob-bons, rattles for the small babies in long clothes, wonderful kaleidoscopes, Christmas crackers, and candles were distributed amongst the first surprised then delighted little boys and girls. There were quite a number of the mothers there, as the proceedings did not commence until 5.30 by which time several were able to leave their work, and presents found their way to them too. It would have been quite enough pleasure to most of them, so they declared; just to see their children so happy, and looking at the bright little faces anyone would agree with them that it was a sight well worth seeing.

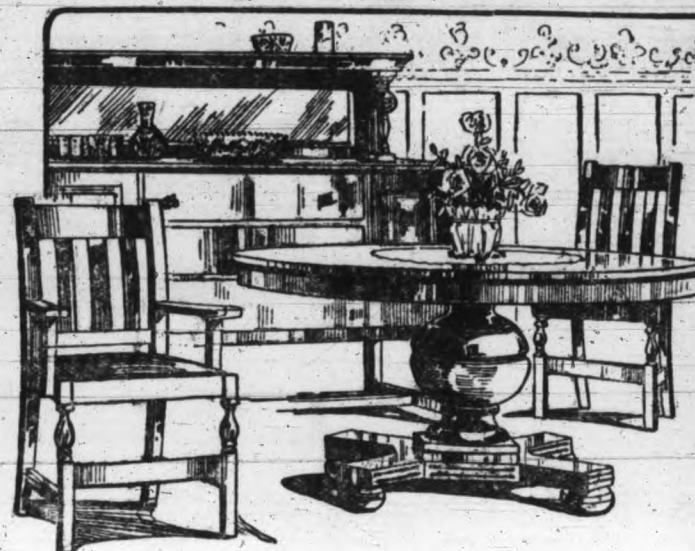
The matron, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Gordon, Grant, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. George Jay, Mrs. David Miller, Mrs. Chadwick and Rev. E. G. Miller were all busy helping to distribute the gifts as Santa took them from beneath the tree which had been so beautifully decorated by Miss Jay, and although such small people could not make very much noise, the "three cheers" for Father Christmas were

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